

80 more to hospital in West Bank with poisoning symptoms

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

About 80 persons were hospitalized overnight on Monday after displaying symptoms similar to those shown by more than 300 people in the Jenin district.

Israel Defence Force medical and technical teams were flown in by helicopter on Monday night after what local sources described as "something like mass hysteria" broke out in the eastern quarter of the town. Hundreds of men, women and children converged on the local hospital and a private clinic, complaining of fainting spells, nausea, headaches and mild fevers. A demonstration developed, during which offices of the local village league were stoned. The army placed the quarter and central Jenin under curfew.

Two Border Policemen serving in the town also complained of nausea and dizziness and were sent to the Afeka Hospital. Most of those hospitalized on Monday night in Jenin, Ramallah, Nablus and Tulkarm were released yesterday.

Fifteen experts from the IDF Medical Corps and the Health Ministry, and police and Judea and Samaria civil administration representatives met at Tel Hashomer hospital on Monday to try and isolate what might be causing the mass poisonings, but they still appear to be in the dark. Further laboratory tests are expected.

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IDF man killed, 2 hurt in seder night ambush

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

An Israeli soldier was killed and two others wounded on Monday night when their patrol came under a bazooka fire near Kahale, 12 kilometres east of Beirut, the Israel Defence Forces spokesman said yesterday.

The ambushers struck as the patrol consisting of a command car, a jeep and an armoured personnel carrier was travelling along the international highway between Beirut and Damascus. The attack was staged just 200 metres from a villa where some 70 soldiers were celebrating the Pessah seder.

An Israeli soldier told the Associated Press that a bomb had been detonated as the patrol drove past. Tracks and a red checked keffiyeh were found leading away from the scene of the attack, he said.

Associated Press reporters covering the Pessah ceremonies said dozens of soldiers and officers grabbed their rifles and bolted out immediately after the three explosions.

Automatic rifle fire rattled for an hour as Israeli troops searched the area, but none of the attackers were captured.

Glickstein beats Lendl

Post Sports Staff and Agencies

Israel's top tennis player, Shlomo Glickstein, achieved the most sensational victory of his four-year career on the professional circuit yesterday, when he knocked out the world's No. 1 player, Ivan Lendl, 6-3, 6-2, 7-5 in the opening round of the \$300,000 Monte Carlo Clay Court Tournament.

Glickstein, 26, overcame Lendl with hopping, spinning returns, and demonstrated an uncanny ability to anticipate his opponent's shots. He also moved his 88-kg. frame with surprising agility at the net, and kept his errors down to a minimum. Under this pressure, Lendl's first serve seemed to disappear, and he only succeeded with 38 per cent of his serves.

"Glickstein wasn't missing any shots and he kept the pressure on me," Lendl said, after the match.

He took advantage of my short shots to come to the net."

Lendl has beaten Glickstein three times in previous encounters, but early lost to the Israeli in the Canadian Open in Montreal, where Glickstein was leading in the third set, at one set all, when rain interrupted play.

In tennis parlance, the Israeli champion is certainly "floating" at the moment — he has beaten Jose Luis Clerc, of Argentina, ranked 6, Mark Edmondson, of Australia, ranked 19, and Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia, ranked 21, in recent encounters. He is ranked 42 by Association of Tennis Professionals.

Other Monte Carlo results: Yannick Noah beat Gilles Moretton 6-4, 6-4; Bill Scanlon beat Marcos Hocesvar 5-7, 6-2, 7-6; Mel Purcell beat Jimmy Arias 6-4, 6-1; Pablo Arraya beat Mark Dickson; Ili Nastase beat Cassio Motta 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; Wojtek Fibak beat John Alexander 6-3, 6-0. Bjorn Borg plays Clerc today, weather permitting.



Bahrain fears engulfment by huge Iranian oil slick

ANAMA, Bahrain (AP). — A colossal Iranian oil slick was breaking up into patches yesterday and moving towards various countries in the Gulf region, threatening to engulf what officials described as an uncontrollable environmental disaster of unprecedented proportions.

Fears were expressed in Bahrain at the six-week-old slick which would not be handled by response teams so far because of the Iran-Iraq war — was capable of "engulfing" the whole island of 360,000 inhabitants.

In the neighbouring state of Qatar, second in the line of the Gulf's main thrust, the government issued a statement urging youths to be ready to respond to the call of duty when asked.

The Jerusalem Post apologizes to its readers in the north who may not have received Monday's paper due to technical problems.

Experts from 19 Gulf oil companies met in Bahrain earlier in the day and issued a warning that unless a partial cease-fire is arranged between Iraq and Iran in the blazing and leaking area of the Nowruz oilfield, the entire gulf would "become one vast oil-lake."

Iraq and Iran were not represented at the Bahrain meeting, but Iran has declared its readiness to cooperate in capping two bombed oilfields which have been gushing crude oil into the widening slick.

Iraq has made no firm response so far, and the Iraqi Embassy here curtly refused any comment.

Officials at the Bahrain Oil Company said that satellite photographs showed a growing dimension of 250 square kilometres for the slick, with patches moving towards various Gulf countries.

In the United Arab Emirates, where some patches were sighted Monday, 30 kilometres from the emirate of Ras al-Khaimah, officials reported new sightings of patches inside UAF territorial waters.

The statement by the 19 oil companies who met in Bahrain warned that the damaged wells "have the potential for untold environmental and ecological damage, and the total combined anti-pollution equipment available would be of little use unless top priority is given to the repair and capping of the wells, the source of the continuing pollution."

The statement urged the two warring nations to declare the Nowruz field zone, south of the main Iranian oil terminal at Kharg Island, "an operationally safe area for as long as it takes for repairs to be effected by international experts who are on continuous standby waiting for the go-ahead."

Kharg has been a favourite target of Iraqi bombings. The Iranian ambassador to Kuwait has accused Iraq or preventing experts from the American Red Adair firefighting company to operate at Nowruz. He has also charged that the Iraqis were using the slick affair to exert pressure for a cease-fire to the 31-month-old Gulf war, but asserted the Iraqis were ready only for a partial military standstill in the affected area.

Bahrain's newspapers came out with banner headline stories that the island may have to fight "a sacrificial" battle against the advancing spill, with the slick maneuvered into areas with the least inhabitants and economic installations to spare fishing waters and the vital water desalination plant at Sitra Island.

The reports said analysis of advance patches had ascertained chemical dispersants were of little use in breaking up the heavy tar consistency of the slick, and that the oil has been exposed for too long, making it impossible to dispose of the floating mass by setting it afire.

Officials said the next four days would be crucial for Bahrain and would show whether the "winds of fate," in the words of pollution task-force chairman Walter Vreeland, would spare the island virtual inundation.



Housing Minister David Levy (right) is shown one of the maps on display at the exhibit he is opening today of the different types of building in Judea and Samaria, including urban, community and rural construction. The exhibit, at the Centre for Israeli Construction in Ramat Aviv, will be open to the public through April 7 during the evening hours. Apartments of various types will be offered for sale. (Israel Sun)

No date for Arafat-Hussein talks

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and Agencies

Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday continued his tour of the Arabian Gulf, without giving any clear indication of when he would be arriving in Amman for what has been billed as a "crucial" meeting with King Hussein on current Middle East peace moves.

He did, however, lend further support to the growing impression that he will not be giving Hussein the clear-cut PLO backing the king seeks to enter the U.S.-sponsored peace process.

The PLO leader was due to arrive in Amman last Sunday, but postponed his visit at the last moment, stopping over instead in Saudi Arabia, where he conferred with King Fahd before going on to Iraq, Bahrain and Kuwait.

According to one report from Kuwait last night, Arafat is expected to proceed to Damascus today — a significant development, given Syria's vehement opposition to the PLO's dialogue with Hussein.

The ostensible reason for the change in plans was the scheduled visit to Jordan on Monday by Sultan Qaboos of Oman — but the postponement has led to increasing speculation about deepening differences with Hussein on Jordan's response to the initiative launched by President Ronald Reagan last September 1.

According to one Gulf newspaper yesterday, the PLO was insisting that any future peace efforts be based on the Saudi-sponsored plan endorsed by the Arab Summit in Fez last year, while Hussein was coming under increasing pressure to join the peace process on the basis of the Reagan plan.

On arriving in Kuwait from Baghdad yesterday, Arafat lent some substance to this report when he told newsmen at the airport that he, personally, viewed himself as bound by the resolutions of last month's Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers — which, while not rejecting the Reagan initiative outright, made it plain that this did not go far enough towards meeting the Palestinians' national aspirations to make it acceptable as a basis for negotiation.

This impression was further strengthened yesterday by Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's Political Department. Kaddoumi told Reuter in Amman — where he had been meeting with Jordanian officials since Sunday to prepare the way for Arafat's visit — that the PLO would be insisting on a role for itself in any future negotiations, something not provided for in the Reagan plan.

"We reject the idea that the PLO should be represented by others," Kaddoumi was quoted as saying.

However another close Arafat aide, Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad) — like Kaddoumi, closely associated with Damascus and not particularly supportive of Arafat's diplomatic strategy — told newsmen in Kuwait on Monday that he "did not rule out" the possibility that the PLO and Jordan might reach an agreement on joining the peace process.

Asked specifically if he predicted Hussein would join the process, Khalaf replied: "It is premature to say that. The PLO is consulting other Arab parties."

The most important of "these other Arab parties" has been Saudi Arabia, which not only wields considerable financial influence over the PLO, but also leads the moderate, pro-Western Arab camp (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Five people killed on roads

BEIT KAMA (Itim). — Four persons were killed yesterday evening and 20 were injured in a multiple car crash some 12 kilometres north of Beersheba.

The crash involved three or four vehicles, and the cause has not yet been determined.

The injured were taken by air force helicopters and Magen David Adom ambulances to hospital.

An 83-year-old pedestrian was killed by a car yesterday evening while crossing the Coastal Road. The driver was detained for questioning.

New Reagan missile offer to Soviets expected today

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Ronald Reagan yesterday said that he remained committed to eliminating nuclear missiles from Europe and declined to disclose a shift in negotiating position in the American-Soviet talks.

Reagan would not tell reporters whether he would offer an interim negotiating position in a speech he is to make today. He refused to discuss negotiating positions publicly because it would compromise his own position, the president said.

But he reiterated that the U.S. was still committed to a NATO plan to deploy 572 medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe starting next November.

"There has been no change," said Reagan in an interview with six magazine and newspaper reporters. "We've never retreated." He noted that he remained committed to the "zero option" eliminating Soviet and U.S. nuclear missiles from Europe as an ultimate goal in arms talks.

The Associated Press has reported that Reagan will unveil an interim negotiating position to reduce missiles on each side when he makes his speech today, shortly before leaving for a five-day trip to California.

Reagan rejected suggestions that his criticism of the Soviet Union had contributed to a heightening of the Cold War. "I don't really think there's been any escalation in that."

Israel, Lebanon locked over security

Both sides say 'no more concessions'

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent and Agencies

Both Israeli and Lebanese officials reiterated last night that they would make no further concessions towards a troop-withdrawal agreement.

Israeli officials said that Israel had reached "the furthest extent" of its concessions, and would not be able to give way on the question of the future role of Maj. Sa'ad Haddad, the Christian militia commander of South Lebanon.

They said that no compromise formula was in the offing, and it seemed to them that the matter would be resolved only by one side — namely Lebanon — giving ground. They added that Israel had made numerous concessions in recent stages of the negotiations.

Using virtually the same vocabulary, Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan said last night that "we honestly declare that we are not going to go any further" in concessions. His remarks were carried by the government's national news agency.

Israel's position is that Haddad militiamen are virtually worthless without Haddad himself at their head. Israel continued to demand that the estimated 2,000-odd militiamen be integrated into the Lebanese Army as the nucleus of a "territorial brigade" to police the southern border area.

The 2,000 figure comes from American sources. Israeli sources are reluctant to publicize any precise number.

Haddad's presence is "the irreducible minimum" from the standpoint of Israel's security concerns in South Lebanon, the officials added. "Without him — we have nothing."

This was a reference to Israel's waiver of its earlier demand for IDF-manned military positions inside South Lebanon. Israel has since indicated it would make do with joint IDF-Lebanese patrols and no fixed IDF presence.

The officials said the idea of a unilateral IDF withdrawal southwards to the Awali River had not been raised in meetings with U.S. special envoy Philip Habib — but it was "in the air" looming as a possible alternative. At the cabinet on Sunday four ministers proposed a unilateral pullback, and some army (Continued on page 2, col 4)

Syrian PM warns against 'expected Israeli attack'

DAMASCUS (AP). — Prime Minister Abdel Raouf Kasm said yesterday an Israeli attack on Syria was "possible and expected. But we say in full confidence we are ready for it."

The official Syrian News Agency SANA said Kasm made the statement in a cabinet session held to discuss "Israel's mounting threats" following the recent deployment of long-range SAM anti-aircraft missile bases in Syria.

Kasm said the threats were "closely connected with American schemes to use Israeli aggression to hit out at the Arab will," according to SANA.

Indicating that Syria was better equipped to do battle now than during the Lebanon war last summer, Kasm said, "To make Syria bow was impossible in the past. Today, it is even more impossible."

Kasm's statement came a day after Syria's Culture Minister Najah Attar warned in a newspaper article that the Soviet Union would actively intervene on Syria's side if Israel launched an offensive against Syria.

"The Soviet Union will not only upgrade Syria's defence capabilities, but will stand directly on its side militarily," Attar wrote in the Syrian government newspaper Tishrin. (See CoS Eitan, p.3)

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Humidity	Min-Max	Max
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Safed	10-16	18
Haifa Port	13-17	18
Tiberias	16-22	22
Nazareth	10-18	20
Afula	13-20	22
Shomron	10-17	19
Tel Aviv	11-19	21
B-G Airport	13-19	21
Jericho	16-24	26
Gaza	14-18	20
Beersheba	12-19	22
Lilal	15-28	28

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Haifa Rotary Club will hear "My Job" talks by two of its members at its weekly meeting at the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

ARRIVALS

Labour Party leader Shimon Peres on Monday from a four-day visit to Romania, where he held talks with Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu.

Dr. Salzberger, 59

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Dr. Maccabi Salzberger, medical director of Jerusalem's Misgav Ladach obstetrics hospital, died at Hadassah Hospital in Ein Karem on Monday night following a prolonged illness. He was 59.

The son of a physician who had also served at Misgav Ladach, Salzberger was a member of the first graduating class of the Hebrew University Medical School. A member of the Palmah's naval unit during the War of Independence, Salzberger was active in bringing "illegal" immigrants to this country.

In the course of his work at Misgav Ladach, he was especially concerned with furthering Jewish-Arab understanding and after the Six Day War instituted a special Friday clinic for Arab women, which brought patients from all over the Arab world. His research projects included the fields of diabetes, and male and female infertility. He is survived by his widow, Lotte, a faculty member of the Hebrew University's School of Social Work and member of the Jerusalem Municipal Council, and a son and daughter, Gad and Eli, both now serving in the Israel Defence Forces.

The funeral leaves at 11 a.m. tomorrow from Sanhedria.

Habash aide says PFLP chief 'in perfect health'

DAMASCUS (AP). — George Habash of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine "is in perfect health, leading the daily activity of the PFLP," a senior Habash aide said on Monday.

Bassam Abu Sharif, a senior member of the PFLP political bureau, denied a report by the American magazine Newsweek that Habash was dying in Damascus.

"True he is here in Damascus, but he is well," Abu Sharif said. Any journalist can come here and see for himself that Newsweek's report is baseless.

Newsweek recalled that Habash, 54, underwent brain surgery two years ago.

Habash, attended the meetings of the Palestine National Council in Algiers last month and looked fit then.

Red Cross denies aid diverted to military

GENEVA (AP). — The International Red Cross on Monday discounted a press report suggesting that food shipped to drought victims in Ethiopia is diverted to the Ethiopian army or even to the Soviet Union.

Prof. Baruch Modan, director-general of the Health Ministry, in a radio interview on Monday, speculated that the large number of people complaining of poisoning might be some form of mass psychosomatic reaction to a smaller incident, and recalled similar cases in Canada and England.

Yigal Bitchov adds: Doctors at the Tulkarm Hospital where 37 girls are being treated said yesterday they suspected that whoever was behind the poisoning intended to cause sterility among the women who have been the main victims so far.

The doctors noted the high protein levels in the girls' urine, which, they said, would interfere with their menstrual cycle. The doctors also said that the symptoms re-appeared after an initial recovery. They com-

Mr. and Mrs. Murray and Barbara Schwartz Social workers for the Metropolitan Hospital, Waltham, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob and Dora Bergman, New York.

Sussman, Levy and Landing Families of N.Y. and Boston areas, on the occasion of the recent marriage of Erica Levy Sussman Landing, the granddaughter of the late Jacob Levy, grande dame of the Mirisch Women's Organization of Boston.

From the Capt. Yehiel and Ruth Glosky Langer Hospitality Foundation, 1 Mapo St., Jerusalem.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Whereabouts of PoWs remains uncertain

Post-Mideast Affairs Reporter and agencies

It was not clear last night whether or not eight Israeli prisoners being held by the Palestine Liberation Organization have in fact been transferred to Tunis pending an imminent exchange for PLO prisoners being held by Israel.

A report to this effect was carried on Monday by the Phalange-run "Voice of Lebanon" radio station in Beirut, and, according to an Associated Press report from Tunis, was confirmed by an unidentified PLO source in the Tunisian capital.

Agency reports from Damascus, however, have cited senior PLO officials as denying that the Israelis had been flown to Tunisia, or that an exchange was imminent.

"The Israeli prisoners are still where they have been," and negotiations for an exchange still have a long way to go, AP quoted one PLO source as saying. He did not say exactly where the prisoners are being held.

Published reports in the Beirut press earlier quoted an unnamed PLO official as saying in Damascus that the eight Israelis had been moved from Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley to an unnamed Arab country, following fears that Israel was preparing "a special military operation to free them and abort the international efforts to arrange an exchange for the Palestinian prisoners in Israel."

These efforts have been spearheaded for several months now by Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, so far with little sign of progress.

Ex-Navy man tipped as London envoy

Jerusalem Post Staff

LONDON. — The Times on Monday said the latest favourite to become Israeli ambassador here is Aluf (Res) Shlomo Erell, former commander of the Israel Navy. A senior Israeli government official, was quoted as saying "his chances are very strong."

In Jerusalem, observers noted that Erell, currently president of the Shipowner's Association, had been mentioned recently as a possible candidate — the last of more than a dozen whose names had come up over the past 10 months since Ambassador Shlomo Argov was shot and wounded in London.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir is under heavy and contrary pressures over the London appointment. His Herut Party is determined that the plum post go to a party activist, while the ministry staff committee has threatened to boycott an ambassador to London who is not a professional foreign service officer.

The appointment is likely to be decided and announced together with that of an ambassador to Washington. If the Washington post goes to Meir Rosenne, the ambassador to Paris, that will leave another prime foreign assignment vacant.

Teenager stopped from using grenade

By DAVID RUDGE Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Youth worker Ya'acov Altberg prevented a teenager from using a fragmentation grenade against other youths during a street quarrel in Kiryat Shmuel yesterday afternoon.

Altberg chanced upon the group, who are members of his youth club, while on his way to visit his girl friend in Kiryat Shmuel.

He intervened to stop the fighting, but one of the group ran off and returned with the grenade.

Altberg persuaded the 17-year-old not to use the weapon and later talked him into handing it over. He "told the police," who searched the youth's home, where they found another fragmentation grenade and a smoke grenade.

Police are now investigating how the teenager obtained the grenades. One possibility is that the weapons were part of a haul of grenades and flares stolen by children from a nearby IDF base.

Red Cross caring for non-Arab PLO men

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — The International Red Cross (ICRC) representative in Syria said yesterday that 57 non-Arab guerrillas of the Palestine Liberation Organization were now under ICRC supervision in South Lebanon.

Richard Gotee said most of them were Turks. He said they would all remain under Red Cross care until a suitable refuge was found for them.

The men were afraid to return home, and no Arab country had so far shown willingness to accept them, Gotee said.

ARAFAT-HUSSEIN

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close to the Arafat-Hussein negotiations and has contacts with both sides as saying that he doubted that Arafat would give the king a mandate to speak for the Palestinians.

"Arafat will tell the king to wait," he is quoted as saying. "Telling him to wait is a polite way of saying 'no' when you don't want to in such concrete terms."

Western diplomats in Amman were quoted as saying that the most that could be expected from the current flurry of diplomatic activity would be an expression of readiness to talks by King Hussein — linked to assurances from Washington that Israel would halt its settlement programme in the West Bank and Gaza, and possibly also a prior withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon.

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plained that no police or army investigator has been to the hospital to question the girls or the medical staff.

Nizami Ziaib, 16, who lives in a house close to the Jenin girls highschool, said that she fainted after noticing a yellow powder on the window sill in her home and a strong odour of sulphur. Another patient, Reihab Saadi, 17, also mentioned a strong smell of rotten eggs before she fell ill.

In what appears to be as yet unrelated incident, three persons in the village of Sair, near Hebron, also complained of dizziness after one, a local schoolgirl, picked up some kind of canister. The girl and two men were admitted to the Alia Hospital in Hebron.

In addition, the 43-member Islamic Conference Organization (ICO) yesterday appealed to world organizations to probe what it called "collective poisoning of Palestinian students in the Israeli-occupied West Bank."

The appeal, issued by ICO Secretary-General Habib Chatti, demanded an investigation by the International Red Cross and the UN, Reuter reported from Jeddah.



Storks gather near Mount Gilboa as spring finally arrives. (PPA)

UK Labour to press for quitting EC

LONDON (Reuters). — Britain's opposition Labour Party announced yesterday its policy for contesting the next general election, calling for withdrawal from the European Community, cancellation of nuclear-weapon plans and curbs on unemployment.

the money test. Nothing else, no other value in life is allowed to count," he said.

The document, based on socialist policies approved by the party over the past three years, promises an emergency plan of action to create jobs for all but one million of Britain's 3.2 million unemployed within five years.

A Labour government would cancel the submarine-launched Trident nuclear missile programme, refuse to allow U.S. cruise missiles in Britain, and start immediate negotiations for a British withdrawal from the European Community.

Opposition leader Michael Foot, in a foreword to a 15,000-word policy document which will form the basis of Labour's election manifesto, attacked Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher as representing the competitive system at its most callous.

"She worships the profit motive,"

Pym hopes to mend fences with Saudis

LONDON (Reuters). — Foreign Secretary Francis Pym will visit Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates next week, signalling smoother relations with the two Arab states, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

The Foreign Office confirmed that Pym was arranging a Middle East visit, but would not go into detail.

The sources said the trip was important as a fence-mending exercise because Saudi Arabia and the Emirates both snubbed Pym last January in protest at Britain's attitude to an Arab League peace mission visiting London.

Pym had planned the visit then, but was forced to call it off at the last minute amid much embarrassment when both Arab countries told him he was unwelcome.

When the Arab League mission finally came to London earlier this month, it cleared the way for a return to normal relations.

Nicaragua: Honduran invaders beaten

MANAGUA (Reuters). — Nicaragua said yesterday that Honduran troops had attacked military posts on their joint border and had then crossed into Nicaragua before being beaten back.

A government communique said the fighting took place on Sunday in Chinandega province, but it gave no details of casualties. Honduras denied two similar allegations last week.

Tension has been rising between the two countries amid reports by Managua that its troops were pursuing a 2,000-strong force of rebels that had infiltrated Nicaragua from Honduras.

In the past few days, the few clashes that have been reported by both sides have been in the northern border areas.

Venezuela stops paying principal on debts

CARACAS (AP). — Venezuela has informed its creditors that it will suspend principal payments on its public sector short and medium-term debts until July 1.

A communique released by the Finance Ministry Thursday night said the payments will be deferred while the terms for refinancing the country's short-term debts are worked out.

It said that Venezuela expected the International Monetary Fund "to play a role in the process," adding that Venezuela will present a report to its creditors on the situation in meetings to be held in New York and Frankfurt.

NO CONCESSIONS

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return of terrorists to Southern Lebanon. Jemayel indirectly renewed Lebanon's rejection of Israel's demand that Haddad be integrated into the Lebanese Army and given a command role in overseeing security arrangements in Southern Lebanon.

"Lebanon believes only the forces of legitimacy can ensure genuine security. The people of Lebanon trust their army and reject de facto security," Jemayel said in a meeting with representatives of the Multi-National Force. His statement was broadcast by state and privately owned radio stations.

"The talks remained deadlocked because Israel insists on giving Haddad a 48-hour strike, yesterday, grounding all its domestic and international flights and stranding hundreds of tourists at Athens airport."

Israeli officials are convinced that Beirut would want to avoid a unilateral pullback — for fear that in the long run it would reduce the chances of a complete withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

Meanwhile, when Wazzan was asked whether Habib had brought any new proposals to speed up the deadlocked negotiations, he said, "One cannot bridge gaps with mere gaps," refusing to comment any further.

He said the negotiations "are moving in a vicious circle. We no more know whether we are facing specific demands from Israel or locked in some game that never ends."

But he insisted Lebanon has not lost all hope for a settlement. "We do not feel that we have reached a dead end. We are still holding tight and controlling our nerves."

Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem gave Habib, who is scheduled to leave for Washington today, a four-page letter to Secretary of State George Shultz containing a detailed account of the progress of the talks with Israel, the privately owned Central News Agency, which is close to the government, reported.

Habib conferred yesterday with Wazzan, and President Amin Jemayel. Sources at the presidential palace said the government leaders were dismayed by Israel's insistence on putting Haddad in charge of security arrangements to prevent a

Fraud police now probing 'black stock market' deals

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Several "white collar" arrests for a wide range of financial crimes are expected following the police investigation of the murder of brokerage-firm worker Ya'acov Alterowitz last month.

After completing the murder investigation, the special police team in charge of the affair presented to the national police fraud squad their findings concerning millions of dollars worth of illegal financial transactions handled by Alterowitz here and abroad for a group of businessmen.

While the investigation into financial aspects of the Alterowitz affair is still cloaked in secrecy, it has been learned that the police

believe a "black stock exchange" for Israelis dealing in illegally obtained funds was being operated. Those in charge of these transactions laundered black capital and invested it for its owners in Swiss and possibly other European banks.

The police are also investigating whether Alterowitz and the two main murder suspects, Gil Ben-Gal, 25, and Ronen Shani, 24, handled the illegal financial orders abroad for several other persons involved with the network.

The police are also holding Reuven Uri, 23, of Jaffa, on suspicion of being involved in the Alterowitz murder affair. Uri, who was arrested last week, is suspected of other crimes, including drug offences, fraud, a murder attempt, robbery and extortion.

Unanswered questions in Alterowitz affair

NEWS BACKGROUND / Michael Yudelman

The conclusion of the police investigation into the murder of stock broker Ya'acov Alterowitz and the arrest of a number of suspects has left a number of important unanswered questions in the minds of observers following the case:

• Why did the alleged killers use on Alterowitz a method that had failed in a practice run months earlier when a passer-by, Rivka Ben-David, was shot?

• Why did suspect Ronen Shani agree to carry out the shooting of Alterowitz for chief suspect Gil Ben-Gal? Shani comes from a wealthy family, and it is unlikely that financial considerations alone could have led him to commit murder.

• What did the killers stand to gain from Alterowitz's death?

• Why did Ben-Gal, a friend of Alterowitz, and Shani allegedly go to the trouble of disguising and stealing a pistol from a flat belonging to Shani's father when they could have entered the premises freely? And both men had contacts from whom they could have obtained a gun without going to the trouble of stealing one.

• How is Reuven Uri, the third suspect held by the police, involved in the affair?

Observers believe that some of these questions will be answered during the trial. Some light will also be cast on the manner in which the police apprehended the suspects.

Pakad (chief inspector) Zvi Wolf, who headed the police investigation into the murder, told reporters that the police "succeeded" in due to innovative investigative methods and that the police would only divulge the minimum necessary at the trial.

Wolf said that the murder of Alterowitz, who was shot on the evening of February 20 by a man waiting in ambush near his home on Tel Aviv's Ussishkin Street, confronted the police with several difficulties they have never encountered before.

Police were surprised by the fact that the murder had been carefully planned for eight months and was preceded by practice runs by the suspects on live targets. At first, police said, the suspects shot at elderly people from a moving car. Then they tried something else. Shani, 24, allegedly hid in the bushes of a Petah Tikva street, emerging to shoot five bullets from the same pistol with which he later shot Alterowitz, at 51-year-old Rivka Ben-David. Ben-David was badly wounded.

Ben-Gal, 25, suspected of orchestrating the murder, was arrested four days after it was committed. Ben-Gal dined with Alterowitz on the evening of the murder and drove him home afterwards. At about 8 p.m. Alterowitz got out of Ben-Gal's car

and went to his home. The police are convinced that a quarrel over financial affairs was the motive for the murder, but refused to disclose any details. They maintain that the confessions by the two suspects are sufficient to try them for murder.

Ben-Gal's mother, Hasida, and his 14-year-old half-sister, who were also arrested and questioned by the police, then released on bail. The mother will be charged by the police for bribery, concealing evidence and disrupting judicial proceedings.

The second suspect, Shani, is a known figure in Tel Aviv society circles. He is the son of top beautician Lizika Sagi, until recently the consultant of Hadassah's gossip columnist. Shani shared an apartment with model Tami Ben-Ami, who said after his arrest that he always paid his rent on time and never caused any trouble.

The police, who knew of Shani's close relations with Ben-Gal, were in no hurry to arrest Shani. They followed him around for a month, and only when he decided to leave the country, last Tuesday, did they dash into the passengers' waiting room at Ben-Gurion Airport and arrest him, minutes before he was due to board the airplane.

TEXTBOOK. — A new textbook, The Holocaust and Its Meaning, has been published by the Zalman Shazar Centre. The authors are Prof. Yisrael Guttman and Dr. Haim Shatzker, both of the Hebrew University.

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15 Arabs held before Land Day

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Police have arrested 15 Arabs residing in connection with Land Day which falls today.

(On March 30, 1976 five Arabs were killed in clashes with security forces over the government's decision to expropriate about 14,000 dunams of land belonging to Galilee Arabs.)

Eight of the 15 arrested are adults from Dabburiya, Kfar Kanna, Ein Mahil, Sakhnin and Taiba villages.

A police spokesman refused to explain the reason for the arrests, but a spokesman for the Rakah Party stated that most of those arrested are Communist activists. He said that yesterday morning a large police force entered the villages searching for PLO flags, but allegedly found none.

In Sakhnin valley in Western Galilee, four Arab youths were arrested. On Sunday night, young men allegedly stormed a border police jeep while it was patrolling along the Sakhnin-Araba highway. No police were reported injured.

Nearby, on the road leading to Tzamon, PLO flags were raised. Several hours before, another attempt was made in the area to block the road and to burn tires.

Apart from these incidents, the Arab community remained relatively calm. On Monday senior police

officers met local chairmen and dignitaries in Western Galilee urging them to use their influence on young men. Arab representatives then distributed handbills calling on the villagers to keep the peace.

But at the same time, Arab dignitaries asked police to keep a low profile in Arab villages today and to permit residents to mark Land Day.

Israeli Arabs will hold three regional gatherings: in Dir Hanna in western Galilee, in Taiba in the Little Triangle and Tel Sheva and Rahat in the Negev. Two processions are also scheduled, one in Sakhnin and the other in Kfar Kanna.

The National Committee of Chairmen of Arab Local Councils, the Public Committee for Defence of Arab Land and four Arab MKs belonging to the Alignment and Rakah, took this decision at a meeting in Shfaram last Saturday.

But extremist elements did not attend this meeting and do not see themselves bound by these decisions.

Robert Rosenberg adds: Police Inspector-General Rav-Nitzav Arye Ivztan heads north today for a first-hand look at how the police maintain the peace during Land Day in Galilee.

Official spokesmen for the police throughout the country have said this year's Land Day "will be quiet, orderly and remain within the

bounds of the law."

According to these spokesmen, licences have been arranged for all demonstrations; local and regional police officers have met with political leaders organizing the events; and both the police and the political leaders have reassured each other that they don't want trouble.

But other police sources, who prefer to remain unnamed, are concerned that events could get out of hand.

In the North, about 2,000 officers go on "Land Day duty" today. At National Police Headquarters last night, sources emphasized that the arrest of the 15 was "not preventive, but made at the discretion of regional commanders because of specific illegal acts by the detainees."

About 3,000 policemen and border patrol officers will be on "Land Day duty" throughout the country today. They have been ordered to stay out of the way of the demonstrators, unless things get out of hand.

A handbill distributed yesterday in Little Triangle villages calls upon Arab pupils and workers to demonstrate and strike today. The handbill is signed by the El-Nahada (Renaissance) organization.

Yesterday afternoon, tires were burned outside Taiba and large forces of police and border guards were called to the village.



Among his activities during his last weeks as chief of staff, Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan finds time recently to participate in a paratroop drop. (IDF)

Eitan cautious on rumours of Syrian clash

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan commented on the question of a possible round of fighting with Syria during an interview on the Army Radio yesterday.

"If I say there is a low probability, it may remind some people of the days before the Yom Kippur War," he said, "and if I say there is a high probability, it will sound as if I am stating a fact."

He said Israel would have no reason to start the fighting, but would respond in kind if the Syrians or terrorists under their control attacked. The Syrians may have many reasons to provoke fighting, he said, without elaborating.

Turning to other matters, he said his conscience is clear about the massacre at the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps, because the IDF was not at all to blame. "The plan to deploy the Phalangists in built-up areas of Beirut was not new. It was two years old," he said.

Eitan, who will be leaving his post in a few weeks, said his message to the soldiers is to keep carrying the defence of the country "on their strong, young, dependable shoulders, because we have no other choice. They should listen to their commanding officers, who are carrying out the government's policy, not to journalists and others trying to influence them."

"I would like to see us beat our swords into plowshares, but do not see that dream coming true in the near future. Until then, if we do not hold the sword in our hand, it will be at our throat. The only other alternative is for us not to be here and to have a sword at our throat somewhere else."

New IDF ribbon arouses opposition of Labour leftists

TEL AVIV. — Labour Party left-wingers are urging soldiers who fought in the Lebanon war to refuse to wear the ribbon now being awarded to those on active duty and in the reserves. MK Yossi Sarid, in particular, said wearing the insignia would constitute "acquiescing to the waging of this terrible campaign."

An official Labour Party spokesman said last night that this is not the party's official stand.

Mashov, a radical group in the party's generally left-of-centre "Young Guard" also recommended that its members refuse to accept the ribbon. But other Young Guardists said they regard the ribbon as an honour given by the IDF and would wear it.

Oil products have become cheaper here

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Despite the nine-fold rise in crude oil prices from 1970 to 1982, the prices of petroleum products to the Israeli consumer have risen only four times, bringing them into line with prices in Western Europe.

An analysis of energy prices in Israel during 1970-1982 recently prepared for the Energy Ministry concludes that this trend was due to the reduction in taxes on oil products and in local marketing and transportation expenses. The analysis was prepared by Dr. Avraham Mandel of the Technion.

The prices of specific oil products in the "consumer basket," however, have changed at different rates. Kerosene has risen eightfold in price, diesel fuel seven times, heavy fuel oil six times. The prices of petrol and cooking gas have shown moderate rises in real terms of only 50 per cent.

Mandel notes that the government's price-adjustment and taxation policy over the period has practically wiped out the fuel subsidies for certain economic sectors and for lower-income groups. These subsidies — what Mandel calls "distortions" in the price structure — were introduced in the 1950s and 1960s.

Electricity prices have also shifted considerably in this period, with the main trends being a narrowing of the price gap between the various sectors and a rise in the portion spent on fuel in production costs per kilowatt hour, as opposed to other operating costs.

The main reductions in taxes and local expenses in consumer prices took place in the two periods of drastic price increases on the world market. The portion of taxes in a weighted average of consumer prices dropped from 32.3 per cent in 1970 to 16.3 per cent in 1981.

The price of crude oil imported to Israel changed little from 1980 to 1981, but dropped by 14.6 per cent in real terms from 1981 to 1982.

In 1981, however, the prices of petrol and cooking gas dropped by 25 per cent, the prices of kerosene and diesel fuel rose by about the same extent, and heavy oil went up by about 20 per cent.

These fluctuations reflected a reduction in subsidies and an attempt by the Treasury to restrain inflation by cutting prices on those items (petrol and cooking gas) which have a greater influence on the Consumer Price Index.

In 1982 prices changed little during the first half of the year, despite a drop in crude oil prices. After the war in Lebanon, however, prices jumped with the reduction of subsidies and an increase in indirect taxes. By the end of last year prices had returned to their level at the beginning of 1982.

Three Cohens claim one Bat-Yam flat

TEL AVIV. — The recent dramatic decline of the stock market left a bizarre case in its wake — three persons named Cohen laid claim to the same Bat-Yam flat in the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court.

The original flat-owner, owing considerable sums to a number of persons who lent him money which he subsequently lost in the stock market, was forced to sell his apartment to pay his debts. He sold the flat to Armand Cohen and, subsequently, to Armand's brother, Ya'acov Cohen. A few weeks later, the original flat-owner sold the flat for a third time to Aharon and

Rivka Cohen, no relations of Armand and Ya'acov.

Last month Armand Cohen rented the flat to a man named Francois Nahmani. When Aharon and Rivka Cohen came to take possession of the flat, they found Nahmani comfortably settled in.

Aharon and Rivka Cohen then asked the magistrates court for an injunction against Nahmani and the Cohen brothers.

Judge Haim Eilat ordered that the status quo be maintained and that the original owner be summoned to testify before the court.

IBM 'talking terminal' will help blind students

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — IBM has donated a "talking terminal" to Hadassah Community College in Jerusalem for the use in training blind computer professionals.

The terminal was developed by IBM in England during the international year for the disabled, 1981.

Until now, blind students at Hadassah Community College read their computer output in Braille. But the mechanical Braille printer was slow, and the quality of the Braille was poor and difficult to read.

Inquiry into roof collapse

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A 90-ton section of platform roof at Haifa's new railway station in Bat Galim crashed to the ground last week after a pillar collapsed. Nobody was injured.

It happened late at night, after trains had stopped running and when the station was deserted except for railway personnel. An Israel Railways spokesman said the section of roof collapsed on the side of the station opposite the main platform. This section is used for northbound passenger trains only

when the main platform is busy.

The Israel Railway's management has now called in building experts from the Technion to investigate the cause of the collapse. Samples from the collapsed pillar and other parts of the building have been taken for analysis and the results are expected by the end of this week.

"Fortunately nobody was hurt but naturally we are very concerned," said the spokesman.

The station was built eight years ago by the Zacharia Drucker Construction firm and is the most modern in Israel. It adjoins the Egged central bus station.

City dwellers travel south for the holiday

Jerusalem Post Staff

Thousands of Israelis celebrated Pessah by taking to the roads yesterday, with the majority going to the south.

Heavy traffic was reported on the Arava highway as families, who evidently had remained near home for the seder, made the traditional holiday trek to Eilat. Hotels there were busy, as were camping sites, including provisional ones set up for the holiday. Rina Maor, director of the local Government Tourist Office, said that on the whole the visitors behaved well, with only occasional acts of destruction.

Galilee however had relatively few visitors, with many camping grounds around Lake Kinneret half empty. But kibbutz guest houses and hotels in Tiberias were well booked.

Many Jerusalemites took advantage of the spring weather to go on walks and excursions. The Jerusalem Forest was filled with picnickers and roads around the city were crowded with families on outings.

Police in the capital reported only one incident which interrupted the Pessah peace, when a group of young armed religious Jews were accosted by stone-throwing Arab youths in the Old City late Monday night. The Jews fired into the air, frightening both their attackers and nearby residents, who called the police. By the time they arrived, both groups had disappeared. No arrests were made and no injuries were reported.

Big grants set for Jewish history study programmes

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

Oxford and the Hebrew University are to cooperate on two related but separate fellowship programmes covering the Jewish experience in Europe, 1848-1948 in a scheme involving half a million pounds over the next 10 years.

The fellowships will each be known as the Frank Green Fellowship in Modern European Jewish History. Green, who is providing the financing, is a prominent member of the Anglo-Jewish community who has just emigrated to Israel. For the past four years he has chaired the Yad Vashem Committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

The fellowship here will be at the Oxford Centre for Post-Graduate Hebrew Studies. Its director, David Patterson, said that its purpose was "to stimulate interest in the topic among graduates and faculty, at Oxford and elsewhere."

In Jerusalem, the Hebrew University will each year select two young scholars to teach the subject in the School for Overseas Students at Mount Scopus. They will be supported by the Institute of Jewish Studies in the department of Modern Jewish history or the Institute of Contemporary Jewry.

Scientists' mini-tree project is good news for fig eaters

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION. — The fig, one of the seven species mentioned in the Bible, and one which has nearly disappeared from the Israeli tables, is about to make a comeback, thanks to scientists at the Agricultural Research Organization (ARO).

Because of harvesting problems — figs, unlike other fruit, can only be harvested when ripe, and grow on trees several metres high — the figs are grown mainly in the Arab sector, and only several hundred kilograms of the fruit reach the markets every year.

Scientists at ARO's Volcani Centre have been working on a new type of fig tree the size of a bush, about 1,000 of which can be planted in one dunam.

The scientists also hope to treat the figs so that they will ripen uniformly and can therefore be harvested together.

If they succeed they hope for a yield of 35,000 figs per dunam or about 1,500 kilograms. These "new" figs are expected to ripen around the end of May and to fetch a good price. The scientists plan to suggest this crop to small moshav farmers to supplement their incomes.

The fig trees will be kept small by constant pruning, similar to a successful experiment conducted on peaches.

Mehta 'rescues' L.A. Philharmonic

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Former Los Angeles Philharmonic conductor Zubin Mehta will get acquainted with the orchestra when he fills in for ailing Carlo Mari Giulini, who is recuperating from an illness at home in Milan.

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Kohl voted in as chancellor Greens in blue jeans fluster Bonn chamber

BONN (Reuters). — West German Christian Democratic leader Helmut Kohl, whose centre-right coalition won a resounding victory in this month's general election, was formally elected chancellor by the Bundestag (lower house) yesterday.

Bundestag President Rainer Barzel announced that 271 deputies had voted for Kohl, 214 against him and there was one abstention. The result gave Kohl a comfortable absolute majority for a four-year term of office.

The radical, anti-nuclear Greens Party, which won 27 seats in the election, announced they would boycott the chancellor's swearing-in ceremony in the evening because they could not pay "an implausible lip-service" to Kohl's policies.

The anti-NATO Greens entered the parliament for the first time, marching to the building in a festive parade featuring banners, drums and flowers.

While other delegates arrived at the parliament in private cars and limousines, the radical greens paraded three kilometres from downtown Bonn to the government quarter in what party leaders said was a symbolic show of unity with their supporters.

"We are entering parliament with the people," said spokesman Lucas Beckmann, the group's bearded tactician.

Some 300 supporters marched with the greens, waving banners protesting nuclear power plants, acid rain, the East-West arms race, the West German census and other issues.

Conservatives have warned that the Greens would hamper the workings of parliament, criticizing party members on issues ranging from their failure to dress in a "proper" fashion to their threats to make public parliamentary secrets.

In keeping with their counter-culture image, many Greens sported blue jeans and sweaters for their first parliamentary session, contrasting sharply with the gray business suits and dresses worn by most delegates.

Five Greens delegates set flowers and pine branches on their desks during the opening session, adding colour to the parliamentary hall. During one recess, Social Democrat delegate Norbert Gansel wore flowers placed before Greens leader Petra Kelly, drawing laughter from delegates standing nearby. (AP, Reuters).



Uri Avnery, former MK and a leader of the Sheli party, carries his own message with him as he joins supporters of the West German Greens Party at the first session of the 10th Bundestag yesterday. With Avnery is West German actress Barbara Ruetting. (UPI telephone)

Salvadoran rebels hit grid, capture towns in night battles

SAN SALVADOR. — Leftist rebels dynamited a power pylon on Monday, leaving 1.3 million people in four eastern provinces without electricity for the tenth time this year, officials said.

Some communities were also without drinking water, sewage and other services because of the blackout.

Attacking the power grid is a favourite tactic of the guerrillas in their war to set up a Marxist government in El Salvador by sabotaging the economy.

Military sources said rebels fought army patrols until dawn on Monday on a main road between the cities of San Vicente and Zacatecoluca. Guerrillas also overran a town in the northeast after

heavy fighting over the weekend. They harassed military posts in Aguilares, and seized another small town early on Monday.

The rebels radio claimed they killed two government soldiers and took 13 prisoners in the fighting, in which one guerrilla commander was slain. Thirty-six guerrillas also seized the town of San Esteban Catarina east of San Salvador, after battling government troops all night, both military and rebel sources said.

Meanwhile the guerrillas said yesterday they had inflicted more than 1,000 casualties, taken 400 prisoners and captured about 900 automatic weapons in battles with government troops this year. The guerrillas' broadcasting station,

Radio Venceremos, said the captured arms had strengthened their forces and their morale had been lifted by their ability to attack the 22,000-strong army.

A Salvadoran military report said that during 1982, the armed forces suffered 3,647 dead and injured while 144 troops were missing in action or captured.

Most important to the guerrillas, however, is the supply of captured weapons, many of which were originally sent by the U.S. to help the government defeat the rebels. The insurgents maintain that almost all their weapons are captured but the Reagan administration says they rely on foreign arms supplied by Cuba and Nicaragua, citing this in defending requests for increased

military aid to El Salvador.

A group of visiting U.S. congressmen here on Monday disputed claims by the Reagan administration that El Salvador was making progress towards ending abuses of human rights.

Democratic Congressman Bill Richards told a press conference that they had held talks with the police, the security forces and Defence Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia, and he had not detected "any perceptible change in terms of making human rights a priority of this government." Before any U.S. military or economic aid to El Salvador can be approved, the administration must prove to the Congress every six months that the country is making progress on human rights. (AP, Reuters)



Robert Mugabe (Gautier)

Zimbabwe Catholics charge atrocities

HARARE (AP). — Heads of Zimbabwe's Roman Catholic church yesterday accused security forces of "wanton atrocities and brutalities" including "the maiming and death of hundreds and hundreds of innocent people" in strife-torn Matabeleland province, a tribal stronghold of runaway opposition leader Joshua Nkomo.

The seven-member policy-making Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops Conference said a military crackdown on armed dissidents loyal to Nkomo "degenerated into brutality and atrocity."

The four blacks and three whites who head the Catholic Church said, "We censure the frightful consequences of such methods."

The church leaders called on Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's government "to exercise its authority to put an immediate stop to these excesses and to appoint a judicial commission charged with the responsibility for establishing the truth, apportioning blame and distributing compensation so that justice may be seen to be done and honour saved."

Mugabe, 58, has pledged to investigate any security force atrocities and punish offenders. But he blames the dissidents for most of the bloodshed and rejects reports by foreign journalists, church leaders, relief agencies and human rights bodies of security force atrocities as distortions.

The Catholic leaders, who produced three lengthy dossiers of atrocities committed by Rhodesian security forces in the independent war, released the four-page 600-word indictment entitled *Reconciliation is Still Possible* after meeting Saturday to discuss the violence in Matabeleland.

French tourists stampede to beat new currency limits

PARIS (Reuters). — Many Paris travel agencies stayed open until midnight Monday night to deal with a last-minute rush before the Socialist government's strict spending limit on foreign travel came into force yesterday.

Agents said the measure, part of an economic austerity package announced last Friday, had panicked would-be holiday makers who did not know how they would be affected.

The measure limits French tourists to 2,000 francs (US\$1,800) each in foreign currency for the rest of the year.

"People don't know the detail of

the measures and they panic," said one agent. "First they cancel and when you explain that their reservations, and thus their journeys, aren't affected by the order, they calm down."

A group of leading travel agents tried all day on Monday to persuade Foreign Trade and Tourism Minister Edith Cresson and Finance Minister Jacques Delors to ease the curbs, which they said will spell disaster for one of France's healthiest businesses.

Adults will be able to buy 2,000 francs (US\$1,800) in foreign currency, and children half that amount, on presentation of a special

exchange carnet. They will also be able to take 1,000 francs in French money on each trip abroad.

The measure has been the most bitterly opposed in the 10-point austerity plan, which includes new taxes, a forced loan to the state and higher public utility costs as part of an effort to slash France's massive trade deficit.

Explaining the measure, Delors said tourist spending abroad accounted for a third of the \$12 billion (US\$4806) deficit last year.

There was still much confusion as to what kinds of vacation expenses were subject to the limit. "We're totally in the dark," said

the director of the Delta Travel Agency in Paris. "We don't know whether the prices of hotel rooms or rental cars are included in the 2,000 francs. If that is the case, we're finished."

Foreign Trade and Tourism Minister Edith Cresson has come under criticism by the National Union of Travel Agents, whose leaders have predicted that the measure will put thousands of travel agents out of work and will harm the French economy.

Along with other travel-related organizations, the group has called for a protest march in Paris this afternoon.

Documents show U.S. failed to act against Barbie

WASHINGTON. — State Department documents show the U.S. government failed to take formal action on a French request to turn accused Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie over to France for prosecution.

The documents, which surfaced on Monday during a Justice Department investigation of the former Nazi's relationship with the U.S. government, said the French ambassador in Washington made a formal request for Barbie on November 9, 1949.

The papers in the National Archives show that the U.S. sent the French ambassador's 1949 request to the U.S. High Commissioner in Germany with the suggestion that the French be told to pursue the matter with him. But Barbie was not turned over to the French. Instead,

the man known as the "Butcher of Lyon" fled to Bolivia in 1951. Meanwhile, a federal judge on Monday refused to block the deportation of Rumanian Orthodox Archbishop Valerian Trifa, who is accused of supporting the Nazis during World War II and making anti-Semitic speeches.

In Bonn on Monday, the state prosecutor's office said that four former SS-officers will go on trial in the autumn on charges of having deported nearly 1,700 French Jews to the Nazi death camps of Auschwitz and Sobibor in Poland.

According to the charges published by the Cologne Processing Centre for Nazi Concentration Camp Crimes, 73,000 Jews were transported by rail between March, 1942 and May, 1944 to the two camps, where they were gassed. (AP, Reuters)

UN chief in Moscow for talks on Afghanistan

MOSCOW (Reuters). — UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar yesterday said he had received renewed support from Soviet leaders for his efforts in solving the Afghanistan problem.

While he felt encouraged by talks he had with Soviet leader Yuri Andropov and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, he indicated that one of the problems was the presence of an estimated 105,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

Perez de Cuellar, who arrived in Moscow on Sunday, had talks with

Andropov on Monday lasting two hours and including what he said was an extensive exchange on Afghanistan.

Asked at a news conference about prospects for indirect talks on Afghanistan due to resume in Geneva in two weeks time, he said: "Rely on me, I have reason for hope."

Diplomats have said that the indirect talks which UN Deputy Secretary-General Diego Cordovez will hold between Pakistan and Afghanistan, could be critical.

Afghan rebels cut roads in new offensive

ISLAMABAD (Reuters). — Muslim rebels have cut roads into Afghanistan's second largest city, Kandahar, in a spring offensive against Soviet and Afghan forces, western diplomats said yesterday.

They said that mule trains were being used to take food and other supplies to the city of 150,000 people as fighting in several parts of the country signalled the start of spring offensives by both sides.

The diplomats, who have access to information from missions in the Afghan capital, Kabul, said that battles were in progress in other parts of southern Afghanistan near the Pakistan border.

Jack Zimmerman finished the game with 32 points followed by Mickey Berkowitz with 26. Hapoel Ramat Gan was led by Cliff Pondexter with 34 points, many of them gained by slam dunks from underneath the basket.

In the fight for third place, Doron Jamchee with 26 points led Maccabi Ramat Gan to a first game victory over Holon 79-75 at Holon. The winners were on top at the half 38-29. Motti Daniel was best for Holon with 19 points.

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Sports

High class basketball

By DON GOULD
Post Basketball Reporter

Maccabi Tel Aviv finally won out over Hapoel Ramat Gan 93-88 in the opening round of the best of three playoff finals at the Yad Elyahu Sports Palace Monday night. Both teams produced some brilliant basketball. Perhaps the only blemish to the game was the incredibly poor quality of the refereeing, which was far below the calibre of the play on both sides.

Both Cliff Pondexter and Korky Nelson came through with solid rebounding games for Hapoel to counter-act Maccabi's great Earl Williams. Maccabi got what they needed when Jack Zimmerman took charge of the offence and waged it almost single-handedly in the first half, producing an uncanny display of accurate shooting.

Hapoel were in front throughout the first half and well into the second. Tel Aviv didn't get the lead until Mickey Berkowitz hit two free throws with 7 minutes and seven seconds left in the game, putting Maccabi on top for the first time, 73-72. From then on, it was nip and tuck until the last two minutes, when Maccabi stretched the margin to five.

Hapoel lost Avigdor Moscovitch on five fouls at the 1:20 mark of the second half, which was a grave handicap, but what really beat them was Maccabi's effective zone defence in the second half.

Jack Zimmerman finished the game with 32 points followed by Mickey Berkowitz with 26. Hapoel Ramat Gan was led by Cliff Pondexter with 34 points, many of them gained by slam dunks from underneath the basket.

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Strong entry in Ashkelon

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Twenty-five overseas players from a dozen countries have signed up for the Israel Tennis Association's April 11 to 16 ATP \$25,000 "Dubek Cup" tournament at the Ashkelon Tennis Centre. Ashkelon-born Shlomo Glickstein, fresh from his victory over Ivan Lendl, heads the 35-strong local entry in the event, which will be preceded by a two-day qualifying meet in singles for the main draw of 32.

Local racks will have a useful final warm-up for Ashkelon in the traditional French International Championships, which got under way yesterday with men's singles preliminary matches at Tel Aviv's Herta H. Tennis. Some 40 participants are fighting for 16 places in the main 32-draw, where top seeds are Shlomo Glickstein, Yoram Fisher, Ron Sher and Eyal Shai. The top of the tournament includes 21 overseas players from Belgium, South Africa, Sweden and West Germany.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL. — NHA: 76-94, Cavaliers 80 (Malone 33); Bulls 120, Pacers 101; Lakers 114, Rockets 93; Superstars beat Utah Jazz; Kansas City Kings beat Trailblazers.

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THE BANK Hapoalim executive in charge of overseas public relations and advertising sits behind a large desk taking one phone call after another, making endless notes and consulting with an assistant on the text for a speech.

In New York City one would not be surprised to find that this executive is 31-years-old, and a woman. In Israel, it is not surprising to hear that much of the correspondence she gets arrives addressed to "Mr." Sharon Gefen.

Gefen laughs about it. She can afford to. Here she is, a young American woman, co-ordinating a major operation in one of Israel's primary institutions.

Born in Brooklyn and raised in an almost totally Jewish middle-class, suburban environment, Gefen says college was her first experience with non-Jews.

Considering her very Zionist Viennese parents, and her own Zionist leanings, it is easy to understand that she always thought in terms of Israel. She spent a semester here during college and assumed that whatever she ended up doing after graduation would in some way be connected to Israel.

After four years as a political science major, Gefen graduated with two thoughts crystallized in her mind. First, she knew that she wanted "to be where the action is, to have an impact." Second, she was very sure that "if a woman is just as smart as a man, she has every right to do the same work."

Both ideas were nice in theory but difficult to implement in reality. Even for a highly ambitious Phi Beta Kappa graduate in New York, the standard job interview question remained, "How fast do you type?"

Then an offer came that held the potential for everything — Israel, action, impact, and intelligence. Gefen accepted the position of public relations director for the Israel Government Tourist Office (IGTO) in New York. Though at the

A WOMAN OF NOTE

Banking on her

Bank Hapoalim overseas public relations head Sharon Gefen tells Addie Drecksler of life and work in the executive suite, Israeli-style



time she didn't really know what PR was, she admits, she learned quickly and was well suited to it.

Concurrently, Gefen went back to school, taking evening classes at NYU toward a master's degree in urban planning.

She stayed with the IGTO for three years then moved on to the Israel Investment Authority to be director of PR. There Gefen learned about some different aspects of Israel: industrial advancements, research and development, high technology.

In 1977, she and her Israeli husband Udi, had both finished school and felt that it was "time to go home" to Israel.

Once settled in Tel Aviv, Gefen began to do free-lance public relations work but wasn't satisfied. What she really wanted to do was to

work for an Israeli company and "tell their story" overseas. In that way, she felt she would be contributing to the growth of the Israeli industrial complex she had come to admire.

The first Israeli industry she tackled was tourism. As PR manager for the Tel Aviv Sheraton, she was not only "selling Israel" again, but doing so in five-star hotel glamour and excitement.

In March 1979 Bank Hapoalim offered Gefen a position and a chance to, in effect, create her own job. It was a challenge she could not refuse.

Today she still feels challenged. The bank atmosphere is very dynamic and the job affords her the opportunity to work independently and use her American expertise. But it's not all so easy.

"I work with three strikes against me," Gefen explains. "I am young, I am a woman, and I am dealing with a subject — public relations — that has not yet come into its own in Israel." Still, she adds after some thought, "If I were a young man in the same position, I'd have the same problems."

What about off the job? Don't her roles as wife and mother of a four-year-old daughter suffer from the role she plays as bank executive?

Gefen says no, as her husband is very supportive. At his home, there is an equal split of jobs and responsibilities.

Karen, who goes to a day-care centre, is a happy, well-adjusted child who is growing up with the "working mother" image. In fact, says Gefen, when asked recently what she'll do when she grows up, Karen very matter-of-factly replied, "I'll go to work, of course."

"Women here are not really geared to having a career. They are still 'into' getting married and having a family at an early age. The few Israeli women who do have careers also have a lot of guilt; they feel they're not fulfilling their positions in society. But that will change."

She believes it is actually easier to be a career woman in Israel than in the U.S. despite "women's lib" there. Here most women work, says Gefen, and it is possible to do so and still maintain a separate life outside the job. In the States, rhetoric notwithstanding, the working wife/mother is not truly accepted or given much support or assistance.

She is sure she could not have as full a life — career, family and hobbies — in Manhattan as she has here. Some women argue that the working woman must give something up. Gefen is adamant on the subject: "I want to have it all," she says, and considering how far she's come until now, that might just be possible.

WHEN THE British Jewish Board of Deputies organized a conference for leaders of Jewish communities from the Commonwealth, they borrowed St. James Palace from Queen Elizabeth II for a reception that was attended by the Queen and Prince Philip.

The event was organized by Lady Janner, the widow of the late Lord Janner, (known in Jewish circles as "Barney") who, for many years, was a Labour member of Parliament.

"I first became a member of the Board of Deputies in 1930," Lady Janner recalled, during a recent visit to Israel. "I was the representative of my synagogue. At that time, there were three women on the Board — the other two represented the Union of Jewish Women. Now, of course, the Board has dozens of women."

While serving on the board, she most enjoyed working with youth-related programmes. She was chairwoman of the Board's Education and Youth Committee for 23 years; her link with Jewish youth clubs goes back further.

"As soon as I left school, I began to do social work in the East End of London," she said. "There we ran Brady — the first and most famous of the youth clubs — named after the street in which it was situated."

Brady served the children of the Yiddish-speaking Jewish immigrants who poured into Whitechapel. The children had no other place to go.

"The idea then was to turn little foreign boys and girls into good little Englishmen and Englishwomen. Brady was very successful — perhaps too successful. Now the youth clubs are trying to turn good little Englishmen and Englishwomen into good little Jews."

Brady moved with the Jews from Whitechapel to Edgeware Road, where it joined with Maccabi to form a club, of which Lady Janner is president, that has 1,500 members

All of a 'Barney'



Lady Janner with Queen Elizabeth and Greville Janner, at St. James's.

with 1,000 on the waiting list.

"Now the children we get come from comfortable homes — unlike those of the children we used to serve in Whitechapel. All we have left in the East End is a friendship club for people over 65 who wouldn't or couldn't move. We also run Meals on Wheels."

In the past, she also was responsible for bringing members of the youth clubs to Israel "before the idea of such trips was taken up by the Jewish Agency."

One of her joint activities with her husband was bringing British MPs to what was then Palestine.

"We brought our first group of three MPs — one from each party — early in the Thirties. We met Meir Dizengoff and the Grand Mufti. We crossed the Jordan and visited Emir Abdullah."

"It was a great success," she recalled. Our MPs came back fervent

Zionists."

In England, she supported her husband through numerous political campaigns. She also served as a lay magistrate for 42 years.

The magistrates' organization is established under Royal Charter, with the Queen as Patron. They express opinions on newly proposed legislation. Lady Janner was the first woman — and the first Jew — ever to be elected an honorary officer of the organization. She was treasurer for five years and is now a vice-president.

Another office she presently holds is that of honorary vice-president of WIZO, in which she served for many years, and for which she made speaking tours in Canada, South Africa, etc. She is working at present on a biography of Lord Janner.

PHILIP GILLON

BETWEEN their jobs, household duties and child-care responsibilities, working mothers in Israel work an average of 13 hours a day, according to a study conducted recently by the Mod'in Ezrachi research firm for the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

Prof. Yohanan Peres, a sociologist at Tel Aviv University who headed the research team, presented their findings during a recent study day at the university. The sample used by Peres and his fellow investigators consisted of 1,500 families, of which 1,000 included mothers working outside of the home.

In addition to questioning the mothers, interviewers talked to fathers and children, and to the teacher of one child in each family to get an idea of the child's achievements at school. Intelligence tests were also administered to the children.

Working mothers and housewives

Pride of place

Woman's work is almost never done, statisticians are discovering. Lea Levavi reports.

all tended to divide their time at home equally between child care and housework, said Peres. Housewives devoted nine hours a day to homemaking duties while working mothers who worked an average of 6.6 hours a day outside the home devoted 6.4 hours a day to home and family.

According to the study, husbands didn't invest more of their time in home and children than their wives worked — except in the case of families with four or more children where husbands whose wives worked tended to devote a little more time to home and children.

"There are some of us whose personal experience doesn't fit the data," Peres admitted, adding that

some men on the research team didn't think that all the findings were valid. "There were other parts of the research (such as the children's IQ scores) where we can prove that the findings are valid, and so I think we have to accept these findings, too."

When husbands' and wives' net salaries were compared, the men earned about twice as much as their spouses. However, when a comparison between the sexes was made according to salary per working hour (since the women worked an average of 6.6 hours a day and the men 8.8), the differential between men and women dropped and the husbands earned "only" a third more than their wives.

The women interviewed for the study described themselves as more logical at work and more emotional at home, more firm and aggressive at work and more likely to compromise at home. They also were more relaxed, more confident, more sure they were appreciated, and sometimes even happier at work than at home.

"It was as if they were playing two roles," Peres explained. "The work role, which required good sense and strength, and the home role which required emotional commitment."

The husbands described themselves as happier and more relaxed at home than at work. When compared using other variables, male and female "home selves" and "work selves" were virtually the same.

The study results allay the fears of those women who think that going out to work will ruin their marriage. Contrary to research findings from

other countries where women's careers were said to contribute to higher divorce rates, this study — the first of this kind and scope in Israel — shows that working mothers and their husbands are no less happy than couples in which the wife works only at home.

Peres admitted that marital happiness is hard to measure — particularly because people are reluctant to admit to strangers that their marriage isn't a happy one. This stumbling block was avoided by asking respondents what they had expected before marriage regarding co-operation with their spouse, intimate relations, ways of spending leisure time together etc. Respondents were then asked to compare their premarital expectations with marital reality.

"At first the findings seemed to show that couples where the woman worked were more happily married than couples where she didn't," Peres said. "We were a little disap-

pointed when we discovered that the cause wasn't the woman's working, but rather such factors as education, ethnic origin and age.

"Of course," he went on, "we had no right to be disappointed. People don't go out to work in order to improve their marriages. The important thing is that the woman's working doesn't detract from or destroy the marriage."

Another area where families with working mothers came out on top was in the children's school performance. Here, too, the real cause of better performance wasn't the fact that the mother worked, but rather that she had a higher level of education: Those women with more education tend to be those who go out to work.

About half the women said they had interrupted their careers at least once for marriage or childbearing. However, the higher the woman's educational level and

job prestige, the less her career was interrupted by family life. Maternity leave was not counted as an interruption.

One of the questions the researchers considered was whether the increase in the number of working women would lower the birth rate, and would thus be "paid for" in the future. After analyzing the data, Peres and his colleagues found that decisions about how many children to have are influenced much more by cultural factors — religious belief, ethnic origin, and stereotyped or non-stereotyped sex role differentiation — than by career, or by economic considerations involving whether the woman should work.

Zohar Karti, head of the Division for Employment and Status of Women in the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, said the research findings will be taken into consideration by the Ministry in planning future policy.

A WEAPON against the common cold far more effective than chicken soup, hot toddies or Vitamin C, will soon be appearing on the market.

A group of medical technologists at the Weizmann Institute has developed a device that uses hot, moist air to eliminate runny noses, sneezing, headaches, and that miserable dragged-out feeling brought on by a cold virus.

Tests carried out on 900 patients over the last two years present evidence that the invention could make the miseries of the common cold a thing of the past. Related tests have shown that it stifles allergy symptoms as well.

The machine, called the "Rhinotherm," delivers jets of 107° F. moist air to the nasal passages. It was developed by a team led by Prof. Aharon Yerushalmi, who holds a doctorate in biology and has a background in applied technology and physics.

Yerushalmi applied a principle laid down by French Nobel Laureate Andre Lwoff, who found that viruses cannot live in high temperatures. The instrument bombards the mucosa in the nasal passages with steam, weakening cold viruses to the extent that they do not multiply and the symptoms disappear.

The device, which is produced at Kibbutz Netzer Sereni and costs \$300 to \$350, is a box-shaped unit, weighing three-and-a-half kilos. It contains a bottle of distilled water which is heated electrically. The



Nose job

Mary Stewart Krosney finds a new cure for the common cold.

resulting steam is delivered through two small nozzles affixed to an apparatus resembling a microphone, which the cold-sufferer holds under the nose.

In tests it was found that using the Rhinotherm for 30 minutes brought permanent relief to some patients, while others needed a second and third application two and four hours later. Many of them did not suffer from the symptoms again during the following year.

Yerushalmi first developed his

gadget four years ago. A year later, when the Rhinotherm won public notice at an exhibition of Israeli-made medical equipment, he was reluctant to discuss the new device with reporters. When asked at the time whether it was the cure for the common cold, the professor said he hoped it was.

Although the results of the tests had been promising, he said, he wanted to continue with them to examine a wider selection of persons from diverse age-groups and medical backgrounds.

Yerushalmi blamed the scanty research on the "bad" Israeli winter of 1979. "It was very mild," he said, "and we had difficulty finding patients with colds. Moses picked the wrong land to lead us to not only as regards oil, but for cold research as well."

Since then — thanks to more severe winters — many tests have been carried out in Israeli hospitals on patients ranging in age from 18 to 50. The treatment with the Rhinotherm was administered two to six days after the onset of the symptoms. Seventy-two per cent of the sufferers treated were free of cold miseries when tested one day and then one week after treatment.

Puzzling to the scientists, but no less important, is the effectiveness of the Rhinotherm in arresting symptoms of allergies, including hay fever. Allergic patients were given a series of 30-minute treatments at two- to three-hour intervals. Those treated had suffered from allergies for at least a year before the study, and were observed for symptoms following their sessions with the Rhinotherm.

Sixty-eight to 75 per cent of the treated patients in the group were reported cured of their symptoms, compared with a corresponding 17 to 28 per cent response in a group using a placebo method. The results, scientists point out, were achieved with no medicine or drug taken by the patients for two weeks before the treatment, and during treatment and the follow-up period.

Kibbutz Netzer Sereni plant manager Israel Lerner reports that the company has already made considerable headway marketing the Rhinotherm in European countries. He visualizes the Rhinotherm as an important family acquisition.

SO YOU think you'll never make it alone — re-arrange your kitchen, pack for a big move and then unpack afterwards, outdo everyone else's fancy wedding dinner/off-beat celebration? All you have to do is Renta Yenta. Or two, for that matter.

The Yenta in question ("Yenta" is Yiddish for a busybody, and "yenta-ing" means arranging someone else's affairs), are Liz Woolf and Lynn Stemerman, two hard-hitting New York business women.

Their clientele has included such celebrities as actors Cary Grant and Anthony Quinn, designer Norma Kamali, Macy's and Bloomingdale's department stores, CBS News, Pan Am, and even real yentas from the Bronx — who can afford their services. The cost of a big job may be \$50 to \$100; it is \$30-an-hour for one of their free-lance messengers, actors, waiters, bartenders, or models; and about \$75 per person hired to work at a party, plus expenses.

The name "Renta Yenta" may be amusing — it was purchased from a California company because "it's catchy and easy to remember" — but there's nothing funny about running a business in New York, according to Woolf. Born in the USSR, this ambitious woman holds a master's degree in languages and has lived in Rome and Paris. Partner Stemerman is a native of Long Island. Both have backgrounds in real estate and insurance, and were introduced by a



Renta Yenta

Diana Lerner discovers a New York busybody.

business associate seven years ago. There is one of some 35 branches of Renta Yentas around the U.S.

The bulk of the business the two women do sounds quite mundane — such as arranging for their staff to do a business promotion, demonstrate a product, shop for gifts for someone, paint or renovate a home, etc.

But, occasionally they pull off

real spectacles. One time, a guest couldn't make it to a party so they arranged to hire a helicopter which delivered a message for him at a mere \$1,500 fee. Renta Yenta has also catered fancy balls, supplying a dance band, acrobats and various ethnic delicacies. Renta Yenta is not the only service which busy Americans are using. There is Renta Wife which provides people with a part-time secretary, babysitter, cook and maid all rolled into one to take care of so-called "wifely duties." Specifically, these include preparing food for a special occasion, doing the laundry, going through clothing to decide what needs mending or cleaning, paying bills, answering letters, picking up children from school, and even helping them with homework.

And there is also Renta Kvetch for complainers, which sends someone to store for exchanging or getting credit for a faulty shipment, or to stay home to supervise a technician, upholsterer, repairman, etc. Outside New York, in Atlanta, for example, where the Yiddish word "kvetch" may be less known, the firm calls itself "Hire a Crier."

Then there is Renta Witch to entertain guests at a party with cards or palm-reading, astrology, or magic tricks. And Renta Wreck which deals in car rentals.

So the same yenta — by any other name — for some of life's amenities, or finer things, is available for a fee.

Today is edited by Joanna Yehiel.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL: 9:00 Zed 10:00 Tzipurit 9:30 Anna and the King of Siam (part 9) 9:55 Hunting Trip. A young man on a hunting trip meets an old reclus who is searching for a challenging hunt. 10:25 Coral Wood 15:00 Everyman's University: From Jerusalem to Yavne: Geography: Viewpoint 16:00 Pessah story 16:05 Those Were the Days 16:30 Pretty Butterfly 17:00 A New Evening — live magazine

20:03 Pessah Seder in the Sephardi Tradition 20:30 Lookout Point — bi-weekly science and technology magazine 21:00 Mabat Newsrel 21:30 Moked — weekly interview programme 22:05 Shippy. BBC TV adaptation of Somerset Maugham's last play about a barber working in a high class barber shop who decides to help the downtrodden. Starring Bob Hoskins, Maria Charles, Lynda Marchal, Anthony Page and Louis Marks. 24:00 News JORDAN TV (unofficial): 17:40 Cartoons 18:00 French Hour 18:20 (JTV 3) Richie Rich 18:40 (JTV 3) Amaze 19:00 News in French 19:30 News in Hebrew 20:00 News in Arabic 20:30 Sunday Miller 21:10 Marco Polo 22:00 News in English 22:15 Play of the Week

ON THE AIR

First programme. 6:11 Musical Clock 7:07 Mozart: Andante con variazioni in G Major for Piano Four Hands; Schumann: Adagio and Allegro, for Horn and Piano; Walkins: Little Suite for Horn; Milhaud Suite for Mouth-Organ and Orchestra 8:05 Spohr: Double Quartet Op.65 (Mezels) 8:30 Education for All 9:00 The Fourth International Arthur Rubinstein Piano Master Competition (Live broadcast from Tel Aviv Museum) 10:30 Sephardi Traditions 14:10 Children's programmes 15:45 Notes on a New Book 16:05 The Many Faces of Music 17:00 Talmud lesson 17:20 Introduction to the Oral Law 17:35 Programmes for Olim 20:35 The Fourth International Arthur Rubinstein Piano Master Competition — Second Stage — broadcast of afternoon session, until midnight 00:10 Jazz

Second Programme

6:12 Gymnastics 6:22 Agricultural Broadcasts 6:35 Editorial Light 6:54 Green Light — drivers' corner 7:00 This Morning — news magazine 8:05 Pass in Sandals — children's programme 9:05 Morning Star 10:10 All Shades of the Network — morning magazine

12:05 Open Line — news and music 13:00 Midday — news commentary, music 14:10 Matters of Interest — introduced by Gabi Gazit 17:10 Magazine 17:25 Of People and Places 18:05 Programme for Senior Citizens 18:47 Bible Reading — Song of Songs 3.4 19:00 Today — people and events in the news 20:05 Sephardi songs — recordings of live performances 21:10 Jazz Corner 22:05 Questions and Answers on Halachic matters 23:05 Good Evening from Jerusalem

Army

6:06 Morning Sounds 7:07 "707" — with Alex Ansky 8:05 IDF Morning Newsrel 9:05 Right Now — with Rafi Reshef 11:05 Musical Requests — with Shira Gens 12:05 Israeli Spring — with Eli Yisraeli 13:05 One and to the Point — midday magazine 14:05 Two Hours — music, anecdotes, interviews and reviews 16:05 Four in the Afternoon — Hebrew songs 17:05 IDF Evening Newsrel 18:05 Foreign Affairs Magazine 19:05 Music Today — music magazine

20:05 Foreign Language Hit Parade 21:00 Mabat Newsrel 21:35 Hebrew songs 22:05 Popular songs 23:05 Personal File (repeat) 00:05 Night Birds — songs, chat with Eli Moher

NEWS BULLETINS

Army Radio: Every hour on the hour. First Programme: Every two hours, from 7 a.m. to midnight. 6 p.m. broadcast is in easy Hebrew. Second Programme: 6:05 a.m., then every hour on the hour until 1 a.m. Third Programme: Hourly, from 6 a.m. to midnight.

CINEMAS

Please note film showing times for Hol Hamoad Pessah. JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9 Eden: Long Way Home; Edna: L'as des As; Habibi: Nurit II; Kfir: Good Luck 4; Six Weeks 6.45; 9; Mitchell: Officer and a Gentleman 6.30; 9; Orgil: Jungle Book 4, 6.8; Orion: Annie 4, 6.30; 9; Orion: Mad Max: Road Night of San Lorenzo; Sennar: Return of a Soldier 7, 8.15; Biqعات: Ha'tam: The Verdict 6.45; 9; Isreal Museum: Oliver 11, 3.30; Cinema One: Let It Be 7; Heavy Metal 9; Cinema: Brubaker 7; Femme Entre Chien et Loup 7.30 (small hall); Clotilde: Fichtel Tournachon and Deux Ou Trois Choses Que Je Sais d'Elle 9.30

TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30 Albeny: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly 6, 9.30; Ben-Yehuda: World According to Garp 4.15, 7, 9.30; Cinema 11: E.T. 2.30, 4.40, 7.10, 9.40; Pincocchio 10.15 a.m., 12.15; Cinema 2: Pincocchio 2.30, 4.30, 6.30, 7.15, 9.30; Cinema 3: Diner 4.30, 7.15, 9.35; E.T., Sun., Wed., Thur., 10.15 a.m.; Pincocchio 2.30; Cinema 4: Hard Day's Night 10.15 a.m., 12.15, 2.30; Cinema 5: Missing 4.30, 7, 9.30; Love Bug 10.15, 12.15, 2.30; Cinema One: Blood Brothers; Cinema Two: closed; Delta: The Verdict 7.30; Drive-In: Apple of Hit 9.45; Tarzan 6.15; Mega Force 8; Esther: L'as Des As; Gas: Officer and a Gentleman 4.30, 7, 9.30; Gordon: Tempest 4.30, 7, 9.30; Hot: First Blood; Lev: Clair de Femme; Lev II: Night of San Lorenzo 7.15, 9.30; Orion: Summer Love; Mabat: Nurit II; Mabat: Annie 11, 4, 7, 9.30; Orly: Goldfinger; Paris Gregory's Girl 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; Peer: Lonely Hearts; Shafar: Six Weeks 4.30, 7, 9.30; Studio: Young Doctors in Love; Teletel: Monty Python Live at the Hollywood Bowl 4.30, 7, 9.30; Tel Aviv: Prime Movie 4.30, 7, 9.30; One With the Wind 10.30 a.m. (exc. Thur.); Tel Aviv Museum: The Draughtsman's Contract; Zafon: Pixote

HAIFA 4, 6.45, 9 Amos: Tommy 6.45, 9; Amphitheatre: First Blood; Armon: Best Little Whorehouse in Texas; Atzmon: Nurit II; Cinema: E.T.; Calor: Death Wish II at 10, 2, 4, 6; Ben And Charley 12, 4, 8; Mariah: The Verdict 6.45, 9; Orion: Annie 4, 6.30, 9; Orion: I am a Synpho, nonstop, adults only; Peer: Officer and a Gentleman 4, 6.30, 9; Peer: World According to Garp 6.30, 9; My Mother the General 4; Shavit: Cabaret 6.45, 9.15; Watership Down 11.30, 3; Keren Or: Gone With the Wind, 3.30; Rocky Horror Picture Show 7, 9; Orly: Pincocchio 11, 4, 6, 8 RAMAT GAN Armon: Best Little Whorehouse in Texas 9.30; Pincocchio 4, 6, 8; Lily: Summer Love 7.15, 9.30; Omer: E.T. 4, 7, 9.30; Orion: Nurit II 7.15, 9.30; Ramat Gan: Annie 4, 7, 9.30 HERZLIYA Theater: Nurit II 4, 7.15, 9.15 NETANYA Esther: First Blood 7, 9.15 HOLON Migdal: Officer and a Gentleman 4.30, 7.15, 9.40; Savoy: Pirate Movie 4.30, 7.15, 9.30, Two Israeli films, 11 a.m. RAMAT HANASHARON Seder: Pessah 11 a.m.; Tzvi: Shame of the Jungle 9.30; Blazing Saddles 7

Winter rains cut Cuba's sugar crop

HAVANA (Reuters). — Cuba is struggling against the wettest winter in memory to salvage its vital sugar crop.

In the past, communist Cuba, the world's biggest sugar exporter, has not hesitated to accuse Washington of being behind apparently natural phenomena that have stricken this Caribbean island. But so far the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has escaped the blame.

President Fidel Castro has said the CIA used germ-warfare techniques in 1971 to introduce swine fever into Cuba, decimating its important pork industry. Similar charges were made when dengue fever, a deadly flu-like ailment transmitted to people by mosquitoes, broke out three years ago.

In 1976, a Cuban delegate to the UN accused U.S. government scientists of "seeding" clouds to make them drop their rain in the Gulf of Mexico before reaching a then drought-hit Cuba.

But to date Cuba appears to have accepted that mother nature alone is to blame for the freak weather which has paralyzed the cutting of cane and left thousands of vegetable fields awash.

In the peak harvest months for sugar cane, Cuba has suffered a near-continuous deluge, which has dumped five times more rain than average for the first 10 weeks of the year, according to the national weather station.

"The rain prevents the cutting machines from working, encourages absenteeism, bogs down transport to the mills and lowers the sugar content of the actual cane," one sugar official explained.

Deputy Sugar Industry Minister Raul Trujillo said this month that the crop, which provides Cuba with around 80 per cent of its export revenues, was around one million tons less than normal for this time of year.

No government estimate of the final production total has been given, but predictions by analysts point to no more than 7.5 million tons, well down on last year's 8.2 million tons.

FRAUD. — The U.S. Army is investigating 20 companies and 13 individuals it suspects of defrauding overseas army commissaries of \$1.5 billion, a State Department spokesman said.

Soviets show greater trade surplus with Third World

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The Soviet Union yesterday published figures showing its greatly increased trade surplus with the Third World in 1982 resulted from an all-round cut in imports and a greater concentration of trade with political allies.

Trade with the industrialized nations, in which Moscow's ruble-calculated deficit fell sharply, included a big increase in imports from Japan. These jumped by over 30 per cent, to total 2.9 billion rubles (\$4.6).

The U.S. embargo on high-technology deals or those related to the Siberia-Western Europe Pipeline project, appeared to have had little effect, with Soviet imports from the U.S. rising 20 per cent, to \$2.6 billion, while exports dropped slightly.

Western analysts said the rise in imports from Japan seemed to be linked to Tokyo's increased acceptance of compensation deals rather than hard cash and more credit arrangements, coupled with sales of large-diameter pipes, such as those needed in the pipeline project.

Moscow does not reveal separate figures for its hard currency balance, the basis for most of its trade with the West.

Less detailed trade figures published last week showed the Soviet trade deficit with the developed world fell from 865 million rubles — \$1,235 million at the 1982 exchange rate — to 100m. (\$137m. at current rates).

This is, however, a small element

in the country's vast 119.6 b. ruble (\$163.8b.) annual trade turnover and appeared to be accounted for by a trimming of imports from most West European countries, coupled with slightly higher exports.

But trade with developing countries showed a greater cut in Soviet imports, coupled with increased sales, which resulted in a 3.4b. ruble (\$4.6b.) surplus, almost four times that of 1981.

The official news agency Tass yesterday attempted to explain away the potentially embarrassing surplus with the export-hungry developing world by saying it contributed to their breaking loose from traditional colonial ties.

Yesterday's figures showed a cut in imports from virtually all African and most Asian countries, with the notable exception of Libya, whose sales to the Soviet Union more than tripled, to reach 1.1b rubles (\$1.38b.).

Western analysts in Moscow believe a large part of this to be oil, which the Soviet Union may be remarketing.

Sales to Iran rose by half again to 577m. rubles (\$790m.), while imports fell by two thirds, the likely reflection, Western experts said, of the increased oil purchases from Libya.

For the rest of the world, the figures showed a 30 per cent jump in imports from Cuba, set against a 50 per cent drop in imports from Argentina and a cut in those from Brazil, both the result of less need to pay high, hard currency prices for grain on an over-supplied world market.

Purchases from Poland were up 25 per cent, to four billion rubles (\$5.5b.), while East Germany remained Moscow's main European trading partner, with both exports and imports rising significantly.

SHENKAR. — Robert Thornton, board chairman of the Debenhams Department Store chain in England, has agreed to join the board of governors of the Shenkar College of Textile Technology and Fashion in Ramat Gan.

Bank of Israel exchange rates

March 28, 1983	IS
U.S. dollar	39.5718
British sterling	57.6304
German mark	16.2827
French franc	5.4401
Dutch guilder	14.5138
Swiss franc	19.0089
Swedish krona	5.2441
Norwegian krone	5.4718
Danish krone	4.5855
Finnish mark	7.2231
Canadian dollar	32.2293
Australian dollar	34.2989
South African rand	36.2418
Belgian franc (10)	8.2095
Austrian schilling (10)	23.1448
Italian lire (1,000)	2.7327
Japanese yen (100)	16.5538
Jordanian dinar	109.61
Lebanese pound	9.54
Egyptian pound	35.0210

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Yesterday's foreign exchange rates against the Israeli Shekel, for U.S. dollar transactions under \$3,000 and transactions of other currencies under the equivalent of \$600.

	Selling	Buying
US\$	39.7690	38.2749
DM	57.3827	56.2203
Swiss FR	19.1325	18.9439
Sterling	57.9235	57.3405
French FR	5.4835	5.4088
Dutch G	14.9315	14.4458
Austrian S\$100	23.1112	23.0802
Swedish KR	5.2748	5.2224
Danish KR	4.6114	4.5657
Norwegian KR	5.4987	5.4441
Finnish MK	7.2545	7.1825
Canadian \$	32.4026	32.0798
Rand	36.4165	36.0555
Australian \$	34.4738	34.1321
Belgian Fln100	8.2697	8.1875
German Fln100	7.9745	7.9955
Yen100	18.8450	18.4800
Italian Lire1000	27.4529	27.4779

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INTERBANK SPOT RATES:

US\$	1.4580/90	per \$
DM	2.4275/85	per \$
Swiss FR	2.0780/95	per \$
French FR	7.2770/00	per \$
Italian Lire	1.448.00/00	per \$
Dutch G	2.7325/00	per \$
Yen	238.80/95	per \$
Danish KR	8.2225/55	per \$
Norwegian KR	7.2310/40	per \$
Swedish KR	7.5380/54	per \$

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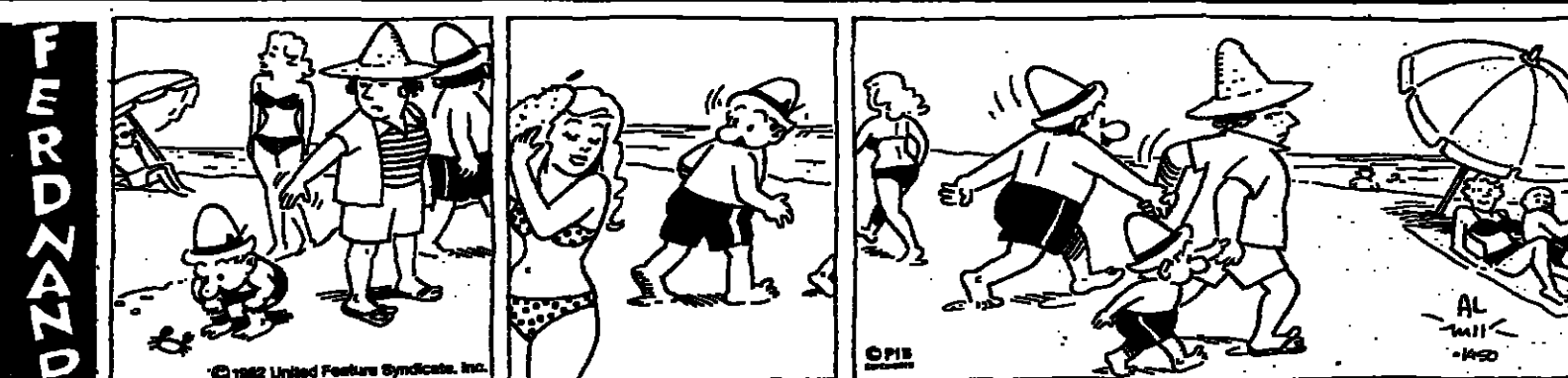
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Jama Museum Exhibitions: Permanent Collection of Judaica, Art and Archaeology; Bezalel (1906-1929); Art of Bezalel Teachers; Portraits: Letterheads by Pentagram; Primitive Art from Museum collection: How to Look at a Painting: Special Exhibits: Seder Plate, Vienna 1925; Japanese Miniature Sculpture, 18th-19th cent. Netsuke and Iro; Pilgrim Souvenir Objects and Juglet, Middle Lamps; Clay Jug and Juglet, Middle Lamps; Carved Ivory: Kadash Barnes, Carved from Judean Kingdom (Rockefeller Museum); Wonderful World of Paper (Paley Centre next to Rockefeller Museum); Illuminated Haggadah, 18th cent. Opening Exhibition: 52 Months to Job One — Designing the Ford Sierra (from 31st); Seder Matzech Tuvshah (from 14th); Raphael in Prints (14th).

Visiting Hours: Main Museum 10.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. in English, 11 and 3.30 p.m. in Hebrew. Also Creative workshops for children.

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Building: Buses 9 and 28 to last stop. Further details: Tel. 02-882819, American Museum Women. Free Morning tours — 8 Alkalat Street, Jerusalem. Tel. 02-699222.

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Helena Rubinstein Pavilion: New Exhibition — Michael Nauman 1975-1983. Visiting Hours: Sat. 10.2. Sun. 9-1. Fri. (14) closed.

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A "cider-evening" will be arranged on Thursday, March 31, at 6 p.m. in Elias Church, 43 Meir St., Haifa.

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- Heroine of courtroom drama (6)
- Diddy people? (8)
- Russian who started to say "Eureka!" (4)
- Sounded regal in the jungle? (6)
- The business programme of a general attorney (6)
- United (or Wednesday?) (3)
- Stage entrances? (5)
- Informed by hearing a bell rung? (4)
- He may well be rambling (5)
- The endless luck-I had is clear (5)
- Subdued two persons (5)
- Rush to be an officer (4)
- Is there the least possibility they're true? (5)
- Like a lunatic in 1000 AD (3)
- One man's representatives (6)
- Question of a chap being preserved (6)
- She's said to be slimmer (4)
- A barely revealing act? (3, 5)
- He's left school, dear fellow (3, 3)

DOWN

- One talking standard nonsense? (6)
- Teams have done so abroad and been routed (6)
- Chemical in drops (4)
- Beaten and sold (7)
- Water flowing right into a test (5)
- Old rulers (5)
- Vessel bringing a law-breaker to a sticky end (4)
- Some more distinctive colour (3)
- Cause of many a sin (5)

EASY PUZZLE ACROSS

- Concealing (6)
- World (8)
- Klin (4)
- Constraint (6)
- Border (6)
- Beast of burden (3)
- Awe (5)
- Animal skin (4)
- Contradict (5)
- Moist (5)
- Assume for argument (5)
- Strong wind (4)
- Razor sharpener (5)
- Prohibit (3)
- Rook (6)
- Separated (6)
- Paddies (4)
- Buyer (8)
- Carrying (6)

DOWN

- Impoverished (4-2)
- Confir office on (6)
- Firearms (4)
- Exaggerated (7)
- Male honey-bee (5)
- Chopped (5)
- By mouth (4)
- Letter (3)
- Wrath (3)
- Judge's hammer (5)
- Send payment (3)
- Chosen few (5)
- Vehicle (3)
- Ignited (3)
- Optimistic (7)
- Vessel (3)
- Attic (6)
- Insects (4)
- Conclusion (6)
- Adhere (5)
- Curbs (5)
- Sheep's cry (3)
- Fortified wine (4)

Monday's Cryptic Solution
ACROSS — 3. Stead, 8. Debut, 10. Light, 11. G-U-S-12, 13. Masters, 15. Verse, 18. Art, 19. Medusa, 21. Trainer, 22. Laid, 23. Ebro, 24. Century, 26. Stated, 29. One, 31. Se-Nor, 32. Orac-Lex, 34. Tl-ex, 35. T-or, 36. Al-as, 37. Peggy, 38. Le-V-er.

DOWN — 1. Reg-Al, 2. Mustard, 4. Tens, 5. Oliver, 6. Diced, 7. Chess, 9. Bos, 12. Praised, 14. Era (rev.), 16. Ru-g-by, 17. Eat, 19. Men-bos, 20. Chess, 21. T-l-ean, 23. Ere-s-Tel, 24. Cease, 25. Uns, 27. Tell-y, 28. Tel-Al, 30. Serge, 32. O-use, 33. Log.

Monday's Easy Solution
ACROSS — 3. Credo, 8. Races, 10. Avert, 11. Tig, 12. In-ane, 13. Screens, 15. Crumb, 18. Nag, 19. Penter, 21. Acrostic, 22. Toby, 23. Bent, 24. Sticker, 26. Estate, 29. Him, 31. Lasso, 32. Bitumen, 34. Tonic, 35. Sad, 36. Grief, 37. Sedan, 38. Revel.

DOWN — 1. Catch, 2. Regency, 4. Euns, 5. Dances, 6. Oveis, 7. Grime, 9. Cur, 12. Ingrate, 14. Eat, 16. Utter, 17. Brute, 19. Psychic, 20. Steel, 21. Abets, 23. Bemused, 24. Stoope, 25. Kit, 27. Sabre, 28. Aster, 30. Cedar, 32. Bke, 33. Mad.

Solutions to today's puzzle tomorrow

EXODUS FROM BAGHDAD

FOREIGN WORKERS have begun to stream out of Iraq after a construction boom fizzled because of the war with Iran and falling oil prices, according to Western diplomats in Baghdad.

At the height of the boom last summer, there were more than 2 million foreign workers who made up more than half of the nation's labour force and 1.5 million Egyptians alone accounted for nearly 10 per cent of the total population.

These workers sent home about three to four billion dollars annually in remittances and symbolized President Saddam Hussein's policy of pressing ahead with development in spite of the war.

Now, the departure lounge of Baghdad airport is crowded with Pakistanis in traditional baggy pants and Egyptians in galabiyas robes. There are few new arrivals to replace them.

"The number of foreign workers has been dropping sharply," said one Western diplomat.

One hotel worker from the Philippines said that under a new regulation that took effect last December, the government cut back the hard currency portion of his salary from 75 per cent to 60 per cent.

"It is now taking more than a month to transfer even this and it's causing hardship for my family back home," said the worker.

Iraqi dinars are worth \$3.2 at the official rate, but outside Iraq and on the black market they are worth only about half that amount.

In a further sign of the economic pinch, the government has let no new contracts, delayed payments for work already completed, failed to publish the national budget for 1983, and reduced the amount of currency foreign workers can take out of the country.

As a result, international businesses are scaling back their local offices and letting workers go after

By NICOLAS B. TATRO/Baghdad



Iraqi President Saddam Hussein — a policy of pressing ahead with development.

completing projects.

"Some contractors have gone six to eight months without being paid," said a diplomat. "One Asian country with \$4.5 billion worth of business in Iraq is owed nearly half the total, he said."

"Iraq has always been a cash-and-carry country with a reputation for paying off on time," said the diplomat. "There are delays, but there has been no case in which Iraq has flat out refused to pay on time."

The reason for the present crisis is that the government has had to draw down heavily on its reserves of hard currency.

Since the war with Iran began in September, 1980, Iraq's foreign reserves have diminished substantially.

take about 18 months.

"Even if they get the capacity of the pipe increased it may just balance the drop in prices," said the diplomat.

The fall in prices also has affected the major oil-producing Arab Gulf states, which are showing signs of reluctance to finance both development and the war effort.

"The Iraqis were trying to do too much," said another diplomat. "The war is costing about one billion dollars a month, oil prices have dropped and so have exports. At the same time, the Arab Gulf states are tired of spending money to build conference places here."

HUSSEIN's government has built new hotels, monuments and public buildings, such as the grandiose conference palace to play host to the non-aligned summit which was moved to New Delhi.

Iraq has responded to the economic setbacks with a strict austerity programme. But Iraqi officials and the state-run media still stress both development and the war effort.

Street lights along the four-lane highway to the airport are turned off at night to save electricity, hotel rooms have signs urging guests to conserve power, and Iraqis are banned from travelling abroad except for official business, study or medical treatment.

Said one Middle East oil analyst: "Iraq has been living beyond its means for some time now, but I think they can get by on exporting 800,000 barrels a day."

One reason is that Saudi Arabia has supplied oil to Iraqi customers and transferred the money to Baghdad as a sort of loan, he said.

Nonetheless, he added, Hussein's government has slowed down the country's development because "they can't afford both development and the war."

Waiting behind the walls

By EARLEEN F. TATRO/Sidon

Israeli forces prevent us from going out of the barracks for training, said a Lebanese Army officer who requested that his name and rank be withheld.

The officer, a Shi'ite Moslem from a South Lebanon town that was once a PLO stronghold, has seen his garrison occupied by Palestinian, Syrian and Israeli forces in the past eight years. He bitterly rejected Israeli suggestions that the Lebanese Army, which fell apart along sectarian lines during the 1975-76 civil war, has too many PLO sympathizers to be entrusted with the security of South Lebanon.

"That's not right, because during the last years the only barracks that opened fire on the PLO was in the south. Many of our men were wounded and many of our men died and are still having medical treatment today," said the officer, who himself was wounded in a seven-hour shoot-out with Palestinian guerrillas on June 3, 1980.

IN CLASHES with the PLO in and around Sidon, half a dozen Lebanese soldiers were killed and dozens injured in 1980 and 1981, either in ambushes or repelling attempts by the PLO to take over a building inside the army's Sidon garrison. Despite the periodic

clashes, the army — here as in the rest of Lebanon — did not present a challenge to the authority of the PLO and local Lebanese militias.

Israel's invasion on June 6, 1982, put an end to the PLO domination in Sidon, the Lebanese officer conceded, but he said his garrison had been weakened in another way.

"On the night of June 8, the Israeli airplanes started bombing the barracks... even though there was not a single Palestinian inside the barracks... The army here left and went to Salhiye and Kfar Falous because they continued bombing the barracks for four hours," he said.

After the Lebanese Army fled, the Israelis entered the garrison. "They took away all the weapons that were here, and our new American APCs (Armoured Personnel Carriers) and mortars, trucks, everything. Later they returned three of the APCs — all were damaged, the wiring, the gears and the tracks — and three other APCs and some trucks are still missing."

LESS THAN a kilometre up the hill is the new Sidon headquarters of the Israeli-backed militia of Major Sa'ad Haddad. The Israelis have proposed entrusting security duties

in South Lebanon to Haddad's men, either as a separate force or as part of the Lebanese Army. Lebanon has rejected the idea of a separate Haddad force as well as the return of Major Haddad to the army.

However, Lebanese and Western diplomatic sources say there is a tentative agreement to compromise by incorporating some of Haddad's men into the regular army if Haddad himself retires.

Haddad's militia, variously estimated at between 900 and 1,500 men, could not control South Lebanon alone.

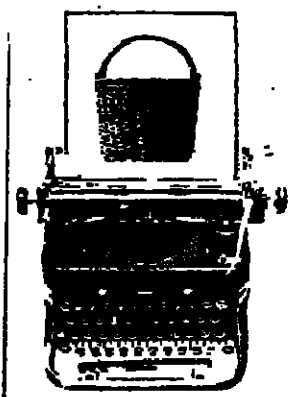
"The solution of Major Haddad is political," said an American-trained Lebanese Army intelligence officer here. "If he or his men become part of the army, they can share [security] duties. But now they couldn't keep peace in the south. The Lebanese Army can keep peace and prevent any terrorism being mounted in Southern Lebanon against Israel."

But then he paused and acknowledged: "Maybe now we are not strong enough. We can get help from the multinational force, especially from the United States."

A recruitment drive, complete with patriotic posters and television commercials, started this week in an attempt to triple the size of the army by 1985.

Like the Lebanese soldiers who stay behind the walls of their garrison in Israeli-occupied Sidon, the army garrisons in North Lebanon are also surrounded — by Syrian and PLO troops. On March 4, six Lebanese soldiers were killed and 12 wounded in an ambush and ensuing shoot-out with Iranian revolutionary guards and their Lebanese allies near the Bekaa Valley town of Baalbek.

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Cutting our losses

AT THE CABINET'S meeting on Sunday four ministers advocated a unilateral Israeli withdrawal to the Awali River in southern Lebanon. They remained a minority voice. However, their willingness to commit themselves to what only a few weeks ago would have been dismissed as weakness of resolve reflects the degree of frustration that is accumulating around the Cabinet table.

Every week that has passed in the agonizing negotiations with the Lebanese and the United States has led to an erosion in Israel's position. The Lebanese have been unable or unwilling to agree to any terms not acceptable to Saudi Arabia, Syria, or any other Arab claimant. The U.S. negotiators, Philip Habib and Morris Draper, also taking their cues, if indirectly, from the same sources, have supported the Lebanese at every turn. They have, therefore, turned Lebanese impotence into Lebanese negotiating strength. Each Israeli compromise has begun demands for more, accompanied by well orchestrated reports from Beirut and Washington about Israeli inflexibility, or claims of covert Israeli intentions to remain in Lebanon in order to undermine the Reagan Plan.

Since the Israeli Government has long since jettisoned its original grandiose plans for making peace with a reshaped Lebanon and now focusses solely on securing the northern border, the Americans have even offered to play a role themselves in filling the security vacuum that would attend upon a complete Israeli withdrawal. Presumably that derives not only from their anxiety to placate Riyadh but also from President Reagan's personal commitment to assure a new and sovereign Lebanon.

But there is no evidence that the U.S. would, or could commit itself to an effective policing role. The porous nature of such a proposal would become clear once Mr. Reagan found it necessary to consult Congress. Meanwhile, American diplomats press on Israel the chimera of a U.S.-trained Lebanese Army or UNIFIL.

There is a grotesque Lebanese logic in this labyrinth. As an Israeli columnist noted recently, the Christians invited the Syrians in to rid them of the PLO, then they invited Israelis in to rid them of the PLO and Syria, and now they invite the U.S. in to rid them of the Israelis, the PLO and Syria. Presumably the Americans, if they persist in their present assumptions, may also experience the pattern.

But it is Israel that is meanwhile paying the price, with its troops persistently exposed to hostile actions in hostile territory.

Since the negotiations have led to nowhere but the constant loss of Israel's bargaining chips, the proposal for a unilateral Israeli withdrawal designed to salvage security arrangements in southern Lebanon will inevitably gain increasing support.

Such a move would not provide the political climax to the Lebanese War that Mr. Begin envisioned. It would also not be a permanent arrangement. Moreover, it would require wholly new concepts about Israel's relations with the various population groups in southern Lebanon.

But it would also force upon Washington and Beirut some clear thinking about the future of Lebanon and its relations with Syria, ensconced in the Bekaa, and Israel in the south. And, most important, it would help save Israeli lives.

If impotence is the only card the Lebanese can play at Mr. Habib's gaming table, Israel no longer has reason to provide the chips.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS COMPOSER Kirk Nurock's sonata for piano and dog was a howling success, even though the performers were leashed.

The musical piece, which features three dogs, debuted recently at Carnegie Recital Hall in New York. The avant-garde composer said it was inspired by a magazine cartoon showing a woman playing from sheet music entitled "Sonata for Piano and Dog," with the woman's pet howling along.

Thirty-two dogs were auditioned for the three parts.

"Most were too noisy or inattentive," Nurock said. "But a handful seemed interested in making sounds with the piano."

Chosen for the performance were Emily, a white female, mongrel, Sasha, a male Siberian husky, and Terra, a female who is part collie, part golden retriever.

Each dog howls separately for the first three movements of the sonata, then they join voices for the fourth. The performers' owners held them by a leash during the performance.

"A lot of people laugh at the notion," Nurock said. "But it is a humorous piece."

PS THEY'RE NOT grinning in Cheshire. It seems that young recruits are quitting the police because they are afraid to go out at night. Cliff Halsall, assistant chief constable of Cheshire, Northwest England, said recently: "Incredibly, a number resigned because they were afraid of the dark."

PS AMERICANS can dial special telephone numbers to hear anything. Now, Jewish pupils in New York can call 960-5450 to get help with their religious studies homework. Moshe Sherman, who works "live" on the hotline, is one of the Yeshiva University students who volunteered to help. The service operates from 7 to 9 p.m. three times a week. Students are prepared to answer difficult talmudic questions, but they don't decline easy ones, like what blessing one says over foods like bananas, ice cream and applesauce. J.S.I.

PS SUMITOMO Metal Industries, a major Japanese steel producer, is crawling towards economic recovery by going into the business of edible mud snails, a company spokesman said. Sumitomo spokesman Sadayuki Yamamoto said employees at the Kokura furnace factory in southwest Japan came up with the idea to cultivate snails to keep workers busy, as the plant is operating at only half its annual capacity of 2.7 million tons.

Yamamoto said the cultivation of the mud snails, considered a delicacy in Japan, proved profitable after tests in a water tank built inside the factory last fall.

"Like most other Japanese firms, we never lay off workers, and if we find a job to pay the salaries of some workers, that's fine," Yamamoto added.

The company is planning to put five tons of mud snails on the market starting in June, he said.

FOR 15 years Washington administrations have been carrying on a desultory dialogue with Israeli governments on the legality of West Bank settlements. The State Department asserted that the settlements are illegal on the basis of the Geneva Convention on occupied territories. Israel's Foreign Ministry replied with learned legal memoranda, while Gush Emunim had its own Messianic answer in words and deeds.

I have always considered the debate over legality irrelevant to the main issue, which is whether or not the settlements are obstacles to peace. Some years ago I made this point to a State Department official in an off-the-record conversation, and then I added:

"Incidentally, how are you going to convince the children of the Gush Etzion settlers who have returned to their paternal land that their settlements are illegal?"

His reply astounded me. "The Gush Etzion settlements are not illegal in our view."

As far as I know, the State Department has never stated this publicly. It has never had occasion to. The dialogue with Israel over settlements has degenerated into a slogan, "a freeze on settlements," while serious discussions proceed on core issues: Israel's relations with its neighbors and the extent of U.S. military and economic aid.

NOW ALONG comes Ian S. Lustick, associate professor of

SENSIBLE IDEAS

By JESSE ZEL LURIE

government at Dartmouth College and author of *Arabs in the Jewish State*, with a radical programme for American action on the West Bank, which is much too sensible to be adopted.

In an article in the winter issue of *Foreign Affairs*, titled "Israeli Politics and American Foreign Policy," Lustick argues that the U.S. cannot and should not try to intervene in Israeli elections, but that decisive action in the West Bank will have a salutary effect on the Israeli voter and will stem the emigration of middle-class West Bankers and intellectuals.

Lustick advocates the following: Continue the strong commitment to Israel's security and economic viability; continue to deliver new weapons systems and foreign aid appropriations; protect Israel's status in international forums.

Any attempt, such as may be going on presently in the Pentagon, to manipulate Israeli policies through its military and economic dependence "will generate a severe backlash among Israelis, raise a storm of protest among Israel's supporters in the United States, and send dangerous signals to the Arabs

that concessions on their part are unnecessary."

At the same time, the U.S. should show that the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are of vital concern by taking the following steps:

□ Enforce the ban on the use of American funds beyond the Green Line. Since 1968, Israel has received \$6b. in economic aid, but no official of the State Department or the Agency for International Development has "ever been assigned to supervise the use of our funds by the Israel Government."

Lustick admits that the Israel Government has ample resources for West Bank projects, but monitoring American aid "would be a strong signal to Arabs and Israelis alike" to show that we care about the West Bank.

□ The U.S. should increase its aid to service organizations providing health care, education, vocational training and municipal development assistance in the territories. Lustick hopes that this aid would slow Arab emigration, thus not only signalling American concern for the West Bank and Gaza but also discrediting the Israeli annexationists' responses to the demographic dilemma, i.e.

the Arabs are leaving of their own accord. Lustick writes:

"To the extent that the U.S. is perceived as strongly committed to the rights and welfare of West Bank and Gaza Palestinians, it will be more difficult for Israelis to believe that Arabs in those areas will gradually disappear, or that they could be incorporated into Israel without granting them full civil and political rights."

ON JERUSALEM, on which moderate Arabs and Israelis differ most widely, Lustick has a radical proposal:

□ Recognize West Jerusalem as Israel's capital, while stressing that "the large chunk of the West Bank from Bethlehem to Ramallah" which was incorporated into Jerusalem in 1967 will still be subject to negotiations. Moving the embassy to Jerusalem (which no doubt will once again be advocated by the candidates in next year's presidential election as in every pre-election platform in living memory) will help prevent the annexationists from using the Jerusalem question to block any movement toward territorial compromise.

The annexationists claim that no compromise is possible without redividing Jerusalem. They rely on the "cult-like attitude" prevailing in Israel "regarding the sacred integrity of an expanded municipal district that, apart from the Old City and the Mount of Olives, contains little that distinguishes it, historically or religiously, from the balance of Judea and Samaria."

By recognizing West Jerusalem as Israel's capital, the U.S., Lustick believes, will prevent the annexationists from using the slogan of a united Jerusalem: "to neutralize the willingness that exists in Israel to relinquish substantial portions of the occupied territories."

"This is a policy that can succeed," Lustick concludes. It will have a pervasive effect on Israeli public opinion — on lower-class Israelis whose desire to move out of their slums is "threatened by annexationist policies"; on religious Israelis who "value the country's cultural distinctiveness"; and on Israeli businessmen, who appreciate that "isolation abroad and instability at home are obstacles to economic growth."

A forthright American policy on the West Bank and Gaza "designed to affect Israeli politics, rather than Israeli policies, can create genuine opportunities for building a durable peace." Amen.

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Strange utterances

By MUHAMMAD MUGRABY

now practically impossible for Lebanese citizens to obtain visas to work in Saudi Arabia?

THE FOREIGN Minister alleged that Lebanon is negotiating with Israel on behalf of the Arab world. If such an allegation were true, both Mr. Salem and the Lebanese cabinet would be incriminated and compelled to resign. The truth is that the Lebanese negotiators can represent no nation but Lebanon, and may not defend any interest other than Lebanese interests.

Earlier, Minister Salem repeated in his Beirut press conference of March 4, 1983, two gratuitous statements he has made many times before in the name of Lebanon in various international quarters.

"Lebanon supports the Palestinian cause and the PLO," he said, this assertion is dangerous and unacceptable. It is well known that the PLO does not support Lebanon or its cause, and that the contrary is true. Why should Minister Salem

volunteer to defend the PLO and its cause, gratuitously and in a manner that lacks logic and good manners?

Secondly, he said that "the presence of Palestinian civilians in Lebanon, numbering 290,000, is legal, and those civilians have the right to enjoy all rights and liberties enjoyed by the lawful residents of Lebanon." How does Minister Salem define the term "lawful resident"? Lebanese law does not stipulate any such definition, nor does it provide for any right of residence for any alien. Is this call an invitation to treat the refugees like citizens and a prelude to a campaign to grant them Lebanese citizenship?

Suppose a foreign observer were to compile the above-mentioned statements by Foreign Minister Salem and to use them as a guide to interpret the recent call at the Non-Aligned Conference for the "withdrawal from Lebanon of all non-Lebanese troops whose presence does not receive the sup-

port of the legitimate Lebanese authorities."

Would it not be logical for him to conclude that, since the foreign minister absolves the Syrians; supports the Palestinians; treats both these groups as allies; and negotiates with Israel on behalf of the Arab world, which includes the Syrians and the Palestinians, the only non-Lebanese troops that are required to withdraw from Lebanon should be the Israeli Army.

ELIE SALEM, a former professor of political science, addressed the Lebanese World Cultural Union last month, asserting that "Lebanon needs a kind of military dictatorship and a president who is not a constitutional and legal president." This call is evidently unconstitutional and manifests his lack of respect for democracy and the Lebanese republican system.

One of the worst recent gratuitous statements of Minister Salem was made recently before

foreign correspondents at his press conference in Beirut on March 4. It was not released as part of the text carried in the Lebanese press. Minister Salem said:

"(If it conducts relations with Israel) Lebanon will slip back into civil war."

Furthermore, he asserted: "Lebanon is a sick country."

These statements were carried by the *International Herald Tribune* in its issue of March 5, and on the front page of *Ash-Sharh Al-Awsat* of the same day. No one has ever heard of a foreign minister of any state predicting civil war in his own country or calling his own nation a "sick country." Any person capable of describing his country like that must be sick himself.

I call on Minister Salem to resign immediately. His resignation is a must to stop him from making more such gratuitous, un-Lebanese and anti-democratic statements, and to prevent him from causing further damage by his utterances. For leaders of other countries cannot be blamed for accepting the pronouncements of the foreign minister at their face value, wrongly believing that they are a manifestation of the Lebanese will.

The writer is a well-known Lebanese legal expert.

READERS' LETTERS

DOUBLE STANDARD

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — It is with a sense of sadness and moral indignation that I reflect upon the recent massacre of 1,500 innocent men, women and children in Assam, India. It is always painful to read of human suffering brought on at the hands of terrorists or bigots.

In this case, which follows so closely after the recent massacre of Moslems by Christians in Lebanon, there is however a double agony which reflects upon the shame of the world.

We wait to hear of an emergency session at the U.N. called for the purpose of condemning the government of India for allowing this heinous act to happen. We wait for calls demanding a commission of inquiry. We expect the editorials in our free press to demand the resignation of the prime minister of India, its defence minister, its minister of the interior and all those

directly or indirectly involved in allowing this act to happen.

We wait for Nobel Peace winners to come out and publicly denounce this act. In Assam, we wait for private international commissions of inquiry to be established. We look to the students to demonstrate in the streets of the free world in front of the embassies of India asking how this can happen. We wait for the outpour of wrath and indignation from the humanitarians around the world, and most of all we wait for the media to depict, to editorialize and to make judgements about those who allowed this act to take place. We wait, and wait, and wait...

How strange a double standard was applied to the State of Israel.

FRANK DIMANT,
Executive Vice President,
B'nai B'rith Canada
Downsview, Ontario.

SELFISH DRIVERS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — A sad, disillusioned and selfish public, drives our roads these days. We have seen how many empty cars pass our waiting soldiers.

Now we have had a personal experience. My husband, aged 82, and I myself, 76, had a flat tyre on the main Ashkelon-Tel Aviv highway on a Friday. Scores of cars and trucks passed us by and despite our signalling that we were in distress, they all took no heed of our difficulty.

Eventually we plucked up courage and changed the wheel ourselves. Naturally we were somewhat exhausted, but happy that we could still thumb our noses at the new Israeli. How much has changed since we came on aliya 21 years ago.

We appreciate that there are exceptions, but unfortunately in the minority.

EDITH SILVERMAN
Kiryat Ono.

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